

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May 31 is National Dam Safety Awareness Day, established to encourage and promote individual and community responsibility and best practices for dam safety, and to highlight the steps people can take to prevent future catastrophic dam failures or lessen the impact of a potential failure; and

WHEREAS, National Dam Safety Awareness Day commemorates the tragic failure of the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1889, which resulted in the loss of over 2,200 lives, and was the worst dam failure in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, the original Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) was authorized by Texas Board of Water Engineers to implement federal recommendations for flood control and soil erosion; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, an election was held to split the original WCID into the Upper and Lower Brushy Creek WCID, both taking control of 23 dams each; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County has been the site of numerous large rain events, such as the 1921 Thrall flood, which held the record for many years as the largest 24-hour flood in the continental USA at 39 inches, 2010 Tropical Storm Hermine, and the 2015 Memorial Day floods and more are anticipated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court strongly encourages its residents to learn more of the dams that are in their vicinity, and if they live near one, prepare an emergency plan in the case of a dam breach;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage developers to avoid inundation zones of the numerous dams that are located across our county;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dams are not just any particular property owners' dams, but they belong to everyone because they protect life, property, and infrastructure.

Signed on this date: _____

Dan Gattis, County Judge

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct 4