



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a group of Georgetown community activists were so concerned about the profound psychological, social, and financial toll that alcohol abuse was taking on individuals and their family that they established the Williamson County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in 1978, later known as LifeSteps; and

WHEREAS, LifeSteps became a licensed provider of court-ordered offender education for DWI and drug offender classes in 1997, which have helped thousands of misdemeanor offenders get their lives back on track; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, LifeSteps received its first state-funded grant for a Community Coalition, making prevention and education available to thousands of students in schools, and their parents county-wide; and

WHEREAS, Wee Care and PADRE, LifeSteps' newest programs, provide prenatal and parenting classes and case management for expecting mothers and fathers, and parents of children under age 6; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, case managers helped parents bring 76 newborns home to safe, secure, and nurturing families in the greater Austin area and Waco; and

WHEREAS, Because they realize that one agency cannot do everything, LifeSteps' role extends beyond their own program offerings through collaboration with other non-profit agencies that provide supportive housing, peer recovery support, and responses to the opioid epidemic, as well as other vital services; and

WHEREAS, LifeSteps continues to promote the health and well-being of our residents through PREVENTION, INTERVENTION and RECOVERY SUPPORT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates LifeSteps on their 40th anniversary for a job well done on behalf of the residents of Williamson County.

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