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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON       §

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**ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
AUTHORIZING INTERMENT  
OF DECEDENT’S REMAINS  
(Joseph M. Hart Taylor)**

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Pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the State of Texas, the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 711, Section 711.002(e), and the common law granting the County authority to regulate the public health and safety, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County finds that:

Joseph M. Hart Taylor (SSN xxx-xx-2870) passed away on February 1, 2019 at the age of 56 in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 of Williamson County, Texas while admitted in Cottonwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1500 Cottonwood Creek Trail, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

The Court further finds that there have been numerous attempts and investigation to obtain information regarding next of kin. However, all attempts to contact any known next of kin of the deceased’s family have failed to identify any responsive or known next of kin. Based on the lack of or the actions or failure to respond of next of kin, the deceased’s body has become abandoned.

The Court further finds that there has been no inquest ordered in this case, and there is no person with duty to inter as set forth in Chapter 711 of the Texas

Health & Safety Code; therefore, the duty to inter the remains falls to Williamson County.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT** the deceased body shall be interred (*i.e.*, permanent disposition of remains by cremation, entombment, burial, or placement in a niche).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Beck Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2019.

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Hon. Bill Gravell  
Williamson County Judge