



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 ozone design value in the Austin-Round Rock MSA is 68 ppb which is just 2 ppb below the National Ambient Air Quality for ground level ozone of 70 ppb; and

WHEREAS, while air quality is improving in Central Texas, regional air pollution levels were considered “moderate” or worse on more than thirty-five percent of days in 2018, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease, and people with heart disease make up about two out of every five residents of Central Texas, and are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County supports public awareness about the quality of local and regional air quality and steps that members of our community can take to reduce their exposure to air pollution and to reduce the emissions that contribute to poor air quality in the region; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is a member of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and supports the Coalition’s effort to promote regional air quality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim

April 29 – May 3, 2019

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“Air Quality Awareness Week”

in Williamson County and encourage our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website AirCentralTexas.org and promote air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct 4