ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR INTERMENT OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS (Mark L. Walker)

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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:

Mark L. Walker (SSN xxx-xx-5056) passed away on August 25, 2019 at the age of 58 in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 of Williamson County, Texas at his place of residence, 201 Yoakum St., Leander, Texas 78641. The Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 was on call on the date of death and is, therefore, the magistrate ordering interment and requesting funding for same as there are no persons who have come forward with legal standing to inter the remains.

The Court 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 the magistrate conducting the inquest shall inter the remains pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 711, Section 711.002(e) and in this case the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 of Williamson County, Texas has signed the death certificate after an inquest and requested funding for an indigent burial for disposition of the deceased's body.

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 inter the deceased.

Signed and entered this _____ day of September, 2019.

Hon. Bill Gravell
Williamson County Judge