



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** the year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the practice of *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts that promote the ancient practices of Taoism, which enrich mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. Many people who practice these arts share their experience of this practice, which enhanced their social and spiritual connections, helped relieve pain, reduced stress, and improved posture, circulation, and balance; and
- Whereas,** 50 years ago, in 1970, Master Moy Lin Shin, a Taoist monk, began teaching the *Taoist Tai Chi*® path in Toronto, Canada; and
- Whereas,** today, the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, together with its affiliates around the world, including the Taoist Tai Chi Society of USA, have trained volunteer instructors, who have offered classes in the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts continuously for 50 years, and currently, to more than 40,000 participants in locations throughout 26 countries, including 150 participants with 17 instructors in 7 locations in the Williamson County area; and
- Whereas,** the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism and its affiliates practice the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts as a path to ultimate transformation of body, mind and spirit, using the guiding principles of compassion, virtue, and wisdom, to alleviate pain and suffering to the individual, thereby possibly reducing the financial burden on health services in the communities where *Taoist Tai Chi*® practice is offered; and
- Whereas,** it is altogether fitting and proper that Williamson County, with its diverse population and appreciation for all cultures moving together in harmony, and its commitment to improving the wellness of its workforce and all residents, should set aside a day to recognize Taoist Tai Chi Society of USA in its endeavor to bring these arts, which promote good health, the richness of Chinese culture, and a greater understanding and respect among all peoples.

Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the Williamson County Commissioners Court designate November 7, 2020, as *Taoist Tai Chi*® 50th Anniversary Day in Williamson County, and urge our citizens to discover for themselves a genuine path to health and tranquility through the practice of the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members