

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

**ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING INTERMENT
OF DECEDENT’S REMAINS
(Ricky L. Pate)**

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:

Ricky L. Pate (SSN xxx-xx-8661) passed away on September 9, 2021 at the age of 64 in Williamson County, Texas while admitted at St. David's Round Rock Medical Center and had a last known address at: 2102 E. Ben White Blvd., Austin, Texas.

The Court finds that there has been investigation to obtain information regarding next of kin and the ability to pay for interment expenses. 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 with the ability to pay for necessary expenses. In the facts presented in this case, the deceased’s body has either become abandoned or those with the ability to pay are unable to do so.

The Court finds that this case involves either an abandoned body or is

qualified on the facts of this case for indigent burial; therefore, the county has discretion to, if necessary, cover the costs of interment.

The Court further finds that 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 or falls to Williamson County at this time, and the Court has received a request from the Justice of Peace, Pct. 2 for interment of the 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 cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this _____ day of October 2021.

Hon. Bill Gravell
Williamson County Judge