



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced its worst ozone season in over a decade, with more than thirty days when ozone levels were unhealthy for sensitive groups and two days unhealthy for all; and

WHEREAS, air pollution levels in Central Texas were considered “moderate” or worse on forty-seven percent of days in 2022, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, ground-level ozone (O₃) levels in the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) still remain stubbornly close to exceeding the O₃ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, remaining in compliance with the NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the region’s economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition to promote air quality.

NOW THEREFORE the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim

May 1 - 5, 2023

as

“Air Quality Awareness Week”

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

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members