

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

That on the 16th day of May 2023 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Bill Gravell, County Judge
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 20.2 million American adults have a substance use disorder, 43.6 million have a mental health problem, and nearly 8 million of these individuals suffer from co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders;

WHEREAS, 106,000 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2021, 65% of all US inmates have a substance use disorder and the US spends \$80 Billion annually on incarceration: the need clearly exists for innovative ways to address these challenges;

WHEREAS, we recognize that drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness are barriers for many Texans in living successful and productive lives;

WHEREAS, over 4,000 treatment courts nationwide provide individuals the opportunity and support necessary to make a change, including our very own Misdemeanor DWI/Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Felony DWI Court, Felony Mental Health Docket, Transformative Justice Program, and Family Recovery Court which together currently served over 1123 individual participants and have had 819 graduates;

WHEREAS, these court programs utilize a collaborative and coordinated system of court supervised treatment that promotes public safety and ensures individual accountability, while helping the participants receive the treatment and support that they need to become productive members of our communities;

WHEREAS, treatment courts are cost effective: a study by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals shows that treatment courts can reduce recidivism and save taxpayers an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve, or up to \$27 for every \$1 invested;

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy;

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Misdemeanor DWI/Drug Court has been in existence since 2006 and has served 661 participants with 530 successful graduates and 20 currently active in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Veterans Treatment Court has been in existence since 2015 and has served 239 participants with 190 successful graduate and 26 currently active in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Transformative Justice Program has been in existence since 2019 and has served 104 participants with 33 successful graduates and 45 currently in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Felony DWI/Drug Court has been in existence since 2019 and has served 73 participants with 50 successful graduates and 13 currently in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Felony Mental Health Docket has been in existence since 2019, and has served 40 participants with 13 successful graduates and 11 currently in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Family Recovery Court, our newest specialty court, accepted its first participant in 2021, and has 6 current participants and 3 proud, successful graduate families, who have been reunified;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court celebrate the promise of recovery and restored hope to drug court graduates and their families and recognizes May 2023 to be “**Treatment Court Month**”.

PROCLAIMED THIS 16th DAY OF MAY 2023.

Bill Gravell, County Judge