STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING INTERMINT
OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS
(Gary Emerson Clarke Jr.)

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:

Gary Emerson Clarke Jr. (SSN xxx-xx-6609) passed away on May 1, 2023, at the age of 56, at his residence located in Williamson County, Texas.

The Court 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. 2 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.

The Court also finds that there has been an investigation to obtain information regarding next of kin and the ability to pay for interment expense. However, all attempts to contact any known next of kin of the deceased's family have failed to identify any responsible or known next of kin with the ability to pay

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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 for indigent burial; therefore, the duty to cover the costs of interment falls to Williamson County.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the deceased body shall be interred based on the request of the magistrate in this case (*i.e.,* permanent disposition of remains by entombment, burial, or placement in a niche).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT costs of cremation of the deceased be paid by Williamson County, Texas in accordance with its policies and regulations. Beck Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this ____ day of May, 2023.

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Hon. Bill Gravell
Williamson County Judge