



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Illicit Fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin; and

WHEREAS, For the first time in our nation's history, over 300,000 Americans have died of drug overdose and fentanyl poisoning in just a few years, from 2020 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Children under 14 are dying of fentanyl poisoning faster than any other age group, and fentanyl continues to be the number one killer of adults 18-45; and

WHEREAS, As of Aug 2023, in Williamson County, we have had 29 Overdose deaths and another 32 others pending autopsy/toxicology reports; and

WHEREAS, Illicit fentanyl is purposely and deceptively added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, thereby making drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous; and

WHEREAS, Just 2 mg of fentanyl can cause sudden death and can be a lethal dose; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office is part of the Central Texas Overdose Task Force, working with the Drug Enforcement Agency, Homeland Security, the FBI, other law enforcement agencies, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the task force will concern itself with law enforcement, education, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, our own Sheriff's Office already has been working with 2 fentanyl awareness groups- A Change For Cam and Texas Against Fentanyl;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognizes Monday, August 21, 2023 as National Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Day in Williamson County and encourage all who live here to join the fight to stop the fentanyl crisis with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, and seek the knowledge and resources readily available to you and your family, because there is no socio-economic boundary for deaths from fentanyl poisoning.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members