

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

That on the 10th day of September 2024 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, Jr., 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:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many Williamson County residents and Wilco employees are impacted by prostate cancer, having family members, friends and colleagues diagnosed with, or having lost their lives to, this disease; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths in men in the United States, exceeded only by lung cancer, with 1 in 8 American men being diagnosed with it during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute estimates for 2024 that more than 299,010 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and about 35,250 men will die of the disease in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, all men are at risk for prostate cancer, but it is more likely to develop in older men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and in African-American men, with 6 in 10 cases being diagnosed in men who are 65 or older; and

WHEREAS, the warning signs for prostate cancer are important to recognize and include: Difficulty beginning urination; weak flow and/or frequent urination; pain or burning during urination, blood in urine; pain in the back, hips or pelvis that does not go away; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society and CDC recommend that men should speak with their doctors about family history, be screened for prostate cancer, and take the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test; and

WHEREAS, most prostate cancers found by screening are small and slow growing and may not be fatal with a 5-year survival rate of 97.5% if detected at stage 1 or 2 and decreasing to 33% survival rate if found at stage 3; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognizes the month of September as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” and encourages all men to get annual check-ups and to speak with their doctors about the risk of prostate cancer.

RESOLVED THIS 10th day of September 2024.

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge