## COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

## ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING INTERMENT OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS (Ealy Thomas)

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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:

Ealy Thomas (SSN xxx-xx-4174) passed away on December 15, 2024, at the age of 84, at his residence located in Cedar Park, Williamson County.

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 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 (*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 and that Beck Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this 11th day of February 2025.

Hon. Bill Gravell Williamson County Judge