

WILLIAMSON COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January is National Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, educate communities, and mobilize action to eradicate this pervasive crime. Human Trafficking exploits individuals using forced labor or commercial sex, violating human rights and undermining public safety;

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, "**Stronger Connections. Stronger Futures.**," highlights that community partnerships, coordinated care and recovery efforts are vital protective factors that reduce further trauma, revictimization, and produces better outcomes for all survivors;

WHEREAS, in Williamson County, agencies like the Hope Alliance, the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center, and Key2Free, work diligently to support survivors and high-risk populations through prevention, victim support, and healing through wraparound services;

WHEREAS, in Williamson County: Williamson County is honored to be one of 5 counties in the State of Texas selected to be a part of the Governor's Human Trafficking Institute. We are paving the way forward with training, prosecution, and enforcement of all human trafficking related crimes. The Sheriff's Office has been active in the Central Texas and Governor's statewide human trafficking task forces. The Sheriff's Office Organized Crime Unit has conducted proactive investigations, coordinated multi-agency operations, and dedicated specialized resources to identify, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking networks while prioritizing victim identification and rescue;

WHEREAS, we encourage communities in Williamson County to work collaboratively to be vigilant, support survivors in all phases of recovery, **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!** You can report suspected human trafficking to the Sheriff's Office or contact Williamson County Crimestoppers at 1-800-253-7867 www.wilcocrimetips.org

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, State of Texas, hereby proclaim January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Dated this 27th day of January 2026

Williamson County Judge or Presiding Officer
On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members