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WHEREAS, poor air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was rated as moderate or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) for 57% of days; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard and the fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standard, which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and

WHEREAS, remaining in compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) is important not only for public health, but also for the region's economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 4 - 8, 2026, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) is to help our region maintain compliance with federal air quality regulations and to reduce the impacts of air pollution on public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is committed to the efforts of the regional Central Texas CAC and to take steps in reducing negative impacts on air quality.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim May 4 - 8, 2026 as

“Air Quality Awareness Week”

in Williamson County and encourages residents and employees to take action to ‘Be Air Aware’ and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness locally within our community.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Steven Snell, County Judge

As Presiding Officer and on behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court