

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

That on the 15th day of September 2026 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in a duly called session at the Williamson County Administration Building, 1848 Texas Trail, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Steve Snell, 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:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is “*National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*” and the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognizes suicide as a public health problem with suicide being the 10th leading of cause of death overall in the U.S., the 2nd leading cause of death for youth and young adults ages 15 – 34, and;

WHEREAS, there were 4,490 Texans who died by suicide in 2024, representing a Texan losing their life by suicide approximately every two hours, and in 2025 there were 118 that lost their life to suicide in Williamson County and;

WHEREAS, Young Texans are vulnerable with 25-29 olds having the greatest increase of any age group with a 69% increase in suicide mortality rate, and youth in the foster care system being more than three times the rate for all youth in Texas, and;

WHEREAS, a recommendation in the Report on Suicide and Suicide Prevention in Texas 2022 Update as required in SB 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session was to “expand services that reduce risk of suicide and promote healing after a suicide death by expanding Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Teams and Survivors of Suicide (SOS) support groups” and a LOSS team is currently being developed to assist Williamson County residents, and;

WHEREAS, mental health conditions can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background, but suicide is preventable and there is hope when the stigma associated with seeking treatment for mental illness, substance abuse and suicide prevention services are removed, and;

WHEREAS, it is important to know the warning signs of suicide, which include: feeling sad and withdrawn for more than 2 weeks; feeling empty, hopeless, trapped, extremely sad, more anxious, agitated or full of rage; changing behaviors, such as: dramatic mood swings, eating or sleeping more or less, using drugs or alcohol more often; and impulsive or reckless behavior, and;

WHEREAS, talking openly and honestly to friends and loved ones is important and not being afraid to ask if they are planning to harm themselves could help save a life. Know that professional help is available, including 24/7 assistance from the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988, Bluebonnet Trails 24/7 Crisis Hotline – 1-800-841-1255 or 911, for an immediate crisis, where connection to mental health resources is available.

NOW THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognizes September 2026 as National “*Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*” and encourages all to stay connected and to not hesitate to seek mental health treatment, just as you would not hesitate to seek care for a heart attack or diabetes.

PROCLAIMED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Steve Snell, County Judge