

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

THAT ON THIS, the 10th day of May, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas met in a duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, and at said meeting, among other business, the court approved the following:

Proclamation
In Support of "National Drug Court Month"

WHEREAS, DWI/Drug Courts are a proven budget solution that benefit all facets of society; and

WHEREAS, DWI/Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system which save vast criminal justice resources and return individuals to their communities as productive, tax-paying citizens; and

WHEREAS, DWI/Drug Courts are the most effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money, cutting crime and serving veterans; and

WHEREAS, Results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, DWI/Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, The DWI/Drug Court movement has grown from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,500 operational DWI/Drug Courts; and

WHEREAS, DWI/Drug Courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE; and

WHEREAS, The time has come to put a DWI/Drug Court within reach of every eligible person in need; and

WHEREAS, May 16-20 marks National Drug Court Commencement Week, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Williamson County, State of Texas, declares that a "Drug Court Month" be established during the Month of May, 2011, recognizing the significant contributions Drug Courts have made toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism while saving valuable resources.


Dan A. Gattis
County Judge