

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

That on the 8th day of November, 2012 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa L. Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the children and youth are a vital resource to Williamson County, and addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth and families today is fundamental to the future; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children youth, and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census states that 39.6% of households in Williamson County have children under the age of 18 which include 57,160 elementary and 23,448 high school students enrolled in school; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Juvenile Services hosted the First Annual Mental Health in Schools Conference entitled "Creativity in Times of Crisis: Aligning Our Efforts to Ensure Student Success" on October 27th and 28th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee was formed as a by-product of the school mental health conference, holding its initial meeting on March 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee is: "The children, youth and families of Williamson County will be supported by a seamless, integrated continuum of school/community service and supports that 1) promote behavioral health and wellbeing, 2) enable the early identification of concerns, and 3) ensure the use of the least restrictive intervention needed when concerns arise; and


WHEREAS, Williamson County, through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court urges our citizens, all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the mental health needs of children and youth to unite and hereby resolves May 9th, 2012 as:

“National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day”

RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2012.



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge