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

That on the 30th day of September, 2014 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:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Month; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights and dignity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence involves physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, economic, or other teen behaviors including harassment by texting, email or other forms of social media are committed by a person who is intending to harm, threaten, intimidate, harass, control, isolate, or monitor another person with whom they have or have had a dating relationship, and is a reality for many teenagers, one of which many parents and guardians are unaware; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic and teen dating violence are not confined to any particular group or groups of people, but occur across all economic, racial, gender and classes, and are supported when society ignores or tolerates violence at home or in our schools; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, women and men need to work together to bring safety and equality; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Hutto Police Department, Hope Alliance and Hutto High School are partnering with the Williamson County Domestic Assault Response Team to promote Domestic and Teen Dating Violence Awareness in our local communities and in our Schools; and

WHEREAS, last year Hope Alliance provided face-to-face services to over 1900 local victims of domestic violence and provided 7,085 nights of safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Williamson County Commissioners Court designates the month of October, 2014, as

"Domestic and Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month"

in Williamson County and calls upon its citizens to recognize and support the important work accomplished by all area Law Enforcement agencies, Hope Alliance, the Williamson County District Attorney's Office and the Williamson County Attorney's Office.

Proclaimed this 30th day of September, 2014.


Dan A. Gattis, County Judge