

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

That on the 8th day of September, 2015 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 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

This Commissioners Court Proclamation recognizes suicide as a public health problem, and designates the week of September 7th through September 13th as "Suicide Prevention & Awareness Week" in Williamson County to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Week.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.6 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicides; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable and the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services should be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, statewide suicide prevention efforts have been and should continue to be developed and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, we encourage local strategies to implement training for the recognition of at-risk behavior and for the delivery of effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Association of Suicidology and community partners such as the Williamson County Mental Health Task Force, the Youth Suicide Prevention Sub-Committee, Alan's Hope Project, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services and Pick With Austin as well as many others, are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths and helping the survivors affected by suicides of loved ones through education programs and intervention services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby designates September 7th through September 13th, 2015 as:

"SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK"

And we asked that all citizens in Williamson County join us in promoting "HOPE" throughout the community.

PROCLAIMED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

Signed:


Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

