

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

THAT ON THIS, the 3rd day of May 2016, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, with the following members present;

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa Birkman, Commissioner, Precinct One
Cynthia 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 right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship; and

Whereas, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

Whereas, our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors; and

Whereas, service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and

Whereas, all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and


Whereas, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and


Whereas, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the approximately 12,000 citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on Williamson County juries; and

Whereas, Williamson County and its courts are committed to the following goals: educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury service; ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome; providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

Therefore, be it resolved that the week of May 2 – 6, 2016 be designated “Juror Appreciation Week” in Williamson County which shall include various activities in pursuit of the above goals. **RESOLVED THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2016**

Attest:


Nancy E. Rister
Williamson County Clerk


Dan A. Gattis
Williamson County Judge