

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

That on the 15th day of November, 2016 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:

Lisa L. Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three

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

WHEREAS, an estimated 53,070 Americans will be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in the U.S. in 2016 and over 41,780 will die from this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer is one of the few cancers for which survival has not improved substantially for nearly 40 years, and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, and is expected to surpass breast cancer to become the 2nd leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S. by the year 2030, and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers, with 93% of patients dying within five years of diagnosis and 71% of patients dying within the first year of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the average life expectancy after this deadly disease has metastasized is just three to six months; and

WHEREAS, there are few risk factors for developing Pancreatic Cancer are defined, but family history, smoking, age and diabetes all influence development of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer may cause only vague symptoms making early diagnosis difficult, with some symptoms including: back and abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, loss of appetite, nausea, changes in stool, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, treatment options are limited, with surgery only being available in less than 20% of patients, often due to the late stage diagnosis, since there are currently no detection tools to diagnose the disease in its early stages.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court declares the month of November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month and specifically November 17th as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day in Williamson County.

RESOLVED THIS 15th Day of November 2016.

Lisa Birkman, Presiding Judge
(Commissioner Precinct One)