

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

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lisa Birkman has served on the Mental Health Task Force and has dedicated 12 years to mental health causes in Williamson County and the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Williamson County Mental Health Task Force, both past and present, are proud and pleased to recognize Commissioner Lisa Birkman for her dedication and support of mental health causes; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Birkman has worked countless hours supporting and recommending legislation to House and Senate representatives on behalf of the mentally ill and indigent populations as well as securing local and state funds; and,

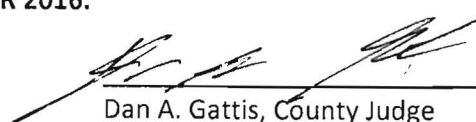
WHEREAS, during the 83rd Legislature, Commissioner Birkman supported SB 955, which provided voluntary Mental Health First Aid training for Texas teachers and provided resources to help maintain safe school environments; as a former educator, Commissioner Birkman was able to provide insightful information to legislatures and speak from experience when supporting this bill; and

WHEREAS, as an avid suicide prevention advocate, Commissioner Birkman has chaired the Alan's Hope Project, a subcommittee of the Mental Health Taskforce, dedicated to suicide prevention and awareness since 2012 and in this time, she spearheaded an annual ceremony in September to bring awareness to the community that there are resources available in the county to assist those in need and to help remove the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, Commissioner Birkman, through serendipitous events lead, the Alan's Hope Project with help from Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, the Round Rock Arts, Mighty Fine Painting, local artist Rachel Viator and an incredible partnership with the Mays Street Boutique in Round Rock; succeeded in having a mural painted in Round Rock at the Mays Street Boutique. On September 8, 2016, at the Ceremony of Hope the mural was unveiled which will stand as a reminder to the community to "Always Know that the World is a Better Place with You in it".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the members of the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby recognize Commissioner Lisa Birkman for her leadership in Williamson County and setting an example in the State of Texas in the area of mental health.

RESOLVED THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge