

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

**PROCLAMATION**

That on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 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  
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One  
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two  
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three  
Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct Four

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Commissioners Court recognizes suicide as a public health problem with suicide being the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death overall of Texans and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in Texas for ages 15 – 34, and;

**WHEREAS**, a report from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention states that 44,193 individuals in the nation lost their lives by suicide in 2017 and 3,403 Texans lost their lives to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 1 person every 11.9 minutes in our nation will take their own life; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is preventable and the stigma associated with seeking treatment for mental illness, substance abuse and suicide prevention services should be eliminated and barriers that discourage persons at risk from seeking life-saving help should be removed; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan's Hope Committee is helping to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment and is "dedicated to preventing suicides by promoting hope, awareness and support in Williamson County communities"; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan's Hope is striving to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of suicide through community events such as the Alan's Hope "Guitars for Hope" 5K Run/Walk to be held at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 and the Brushy Creek Lake Park in Cedar Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County and many groups and organizations endeavor to encourage healthy individuals, families and communities through education and awareness of programs that provide services that include prevention, treatment and support services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED;** that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby designates September 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> as "*Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week*".

**PROCLAIMED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.**

  
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Dan A. Gattis, County Judge