Order Authorizing Williamson County's Participation in a County Health Care Provider Participation Program, Collection of a Mandatory Payment, and Use of Funds from Mandatory Payments

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3954, which added Chapter 292B to the Health and Safety Code and which went into effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor;

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 292B.003 of the Health and Safety Code, the commissioners court of a county may by order authorize the county to participate in a county health care provider participation program;

WHEREAS, the purpose of participation in a county health care provider participation program is to generate revenue from a mandatory payment that may be required by the county from an institutional health care provider to fund certain intergovernmental transfers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 292B.052 of the Health and Safety Code, the commissioners court of a county that participates in a county health care provider participation program may, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the commissioners court, authorize the county to collect a mandatory payment from each institutional health care provider located in the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 292B.103, a county that participates in a county health care provider participation program may use the funds collected through mandatory payments only for specified purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County authorizes Williamson County to:

- 1. Participate in a county health care provider participation program;
- Collect a mandatory payment from each institutional health care provider located in Williamson County; and
- 3. Use the funds collected through mandatory payments for the purposes specified in Section 292B.103.

Passed and approved this 31st day of October, 2017.

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Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge