## ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING INTERMENT OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS

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Pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the State of Texas, the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 711, Section 711.002(e), and the common law granting the County authority to regulate the public health and safety, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County finds that:

Williamson County resident, **Jimmie Allen Davidson** (SSN xxx-xx-8360) passed away on November 1, 2017 at the age of 53 with residence in or about Williamson County Commissioner's Precint 4 as a homeless person within the boundaries of Williamson County, Texas. The location of death was Seton Medical Center—Williamson.

The Court further finds that there have been numerous attempts to contact all known next of kin, but all attempts to communicate with the deceased's remaining family have failed to lead to any meaningful cooperation or assistance or have been ignored. While only three (3) sibling—all brothers—have been identified, further investigation indicates that one brother is incarcerated, one will not return numerous calls and messages, and one informed the county's

investigator that he is on disability and has no financial means to contribute.

Furthermore, Heart of Texas Cremation & Burial Service has successfully obtained a signed and notarized cremation release from the three (3) siblings.

Based on the actions of next of kin, the deceased's body has become abandoned.

The Court further finds that there has been no inquest ordered in this case, and there is no person willing or able to come forward to comply with duty to inter as set forth in Chapter 711 of the Texas Health & Safety Code; therefore, the duty to inter the remains falls to Williamson County.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT** the deceased body shall be interred (*i.e.*, permanent disposition of remains by cremation, entombment, burial, or placement in a niche).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT Heart of Texas Cremation & Burial Service is granted authority to cremate the deceased forthwith.

Signed on this the 16th day of January, 2018.

Hon. Dan Gattis

Williamson County Judge