

Williamson County Commissioners Court Williamson County, Texas

WHEREAS, the people of the Williamson County, Texas have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Williamson County, Texas, who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2018 has officially been designated as the day in Williamson County, Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, join with the Williamson County Commissioners, to hereby proclaim Williamson County, Texas

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands to this Proclamation 24th day of July 2018.

DAN GATTIS

WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER PCT 1

COMMISSIONER PCT 2

VALERIE COVEY **COMMISSIONER PCT 3**

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