

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

That on the 17th day of September 2019 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in a duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge  
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One  
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two  
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three  
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that suicide was the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2017, with the national rate per 100,000 increasing from 10.5 in 1999 to 14.0 in 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, while the average suicide rate across Texas is lower than 80% of other states, it remains a leading cause of death, particularly in young, otherwise-healthy individuals and Williamson County is no exception; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 57 reported deaths by suicide in Williamson County in 2017, with more than half occurring in individuals that were 40 years old or younger, including 7 of those that were between the ages of 10 and 20, and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County community leaders recognizing that every life is precious and valuable, have worked on prioritizing suicide prevention goals and creating planning initiatives to reduce suicide in Williamson County, along with identifying "Behavioral Health, Stress and Well-being" as the number one public health priority in the Community Health Assessment, and

**WHEREAS**, Alan's Hope is "Dedicated to preventing suicides by promoting hope, awareness and support in Williamson County communities", striving to reduce the stigma of seeking help and is encouraging the use of the September "Self-care Calendar" to promote healthy activities and communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of September 2019 as "***Suicide Prevention Month***" and encourages everyone to save the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255) in their phones, to be ready to help if co-workers, friends or family are in need.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

  
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Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge