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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON       §

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**ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
AUTHORIZING INTERMENT  
OF DECEDENT’S REMAINS  
(James Albert Arnold)**

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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:

James Albert Arnold (SSN xxx-xx-4933) passed away on September 5, 2020 at the age of 61 in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 of Williamson County, Texas while admitted at: Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas.

The Court finds that there has been investigation to obtain information regarding next of kin and the ability to pay for interment expenses. However, all attempts to contact any known next of kin of the deceased’s family have failed to identify any responsive or known next of kin with the ability to pay for necessary expenses. In the facts presented in this case, the deceased’s body has either become abandoned or those with the ability to pay are unable to do so.

The Court finds that this case involves either an abandoned body or is qualified for indigent burial; therefore, the duty to cover the costs of interment


falls to Williamson County.

The Court further finds that there has been no inquest ordered in this case, and there is no person 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 FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Beck Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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Hon. Bill Gravell  
Williamson County Judge