ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING INTERMENT OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS (Louie A. Chester)

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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:

Louie A. Chester (SSN xxx-xx-3735) passed away on October 24, 2020 at the age of 79 in Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 of Williamson County, Texas while admitted at: SPJST Skilled Nursing, Rehabilitation and Memory Care in Taylor, 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 further finds that 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 Ramsey Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this 24th day of November, 2020.

Hon. Bill Gravell

Williamson County Judge