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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to Feeding Texas, a statewide hunger-relief network of food banks, Texas has the highest rate of food insecurity in the nation, increasing from 16.4% to 17.6% since last year; this percentage includes 5.3 million Texans, representing 1 in 6 households across the state, 1 in 5 children, and 13.6% of seniors, demonstrating the urgent and growing need for resources, compassion, and community action; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Food Bank and many other food banks across Williamson County are providing immediate and equitable access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, United Way for Greater Austin has brought together a network of Williamson County community partners to start an initiative called Food for Every Table, which is working to lessen the impacts of food insecurity in every corner of the county; and

WHEREAS, in Williamson County, according to the Texas Health and Human Services July 2025 Report, there are 13,305 SNAP food benefits cases and 30,090 eligible individuals with an average SNAP payment of only \$388 per month; and

WHEREAS, the number of clients seen by every local food bank continues to grow, as well as the number of volunteers needed to distribute the food; and

WHEREAS, the food insecurity rate in Williamson County is 13.4% as reported by the Central Texas Food Bank and Healthy Williamson County, which equates to approximately 100,102 individuals (for comparison, Georgetown's population is 101,344), showing that food insecurity in Wilco is a major issue; and

WHEREAS, September is Hunger Action Month, where communities across the nation come together and raise awareness of hunger and take action to support organizations, such as the Round Rock Serving Center, Hill Country Ministries, The Caring Place, Neighbors Serving Neighbors, Shepherd's Heart, Hutto Resource Center, and many others, whose collective mission helps restore strength, stability, and a sense of normalcy to literally thousands of food insecure households;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 2025 as

“Hunger Action Month”

in Williamson County and encourage our citizens to act by:

1. Volunteering at and donating money and shelf-stable food items to local food banks and pantries to support on-going hunger relief
2. Learning about the root causes of hunger and food insecurity and advocating for policies that expand access to nutrition programs like SNAP and school meals
3. Host a food drive