



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Williamson County and our 10-county region; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and those with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality. According to the American Lung Association, nearly 1.3 million people out of 2.47 million in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) are at risk; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 air quality in our MSA was moderate or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) nearly 50% of days, and we exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard and the annual fine particulate matter standard, AGAIN, which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and

WHEREAS, remaining in compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) is important not only for public health, but also for the region's economy and ability to conduct transportation planning and business construction; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the 2019-2026 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA Regional Air Quality Plan is to maximize the probability of compliance with the NAAQS and minimize health and environmental impacts of air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 5 - 9, 2025, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County supports CAPCOG and the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality; and

WHEREAS, individuals can contribute to cleaner air by driving less, by carpooling, and using public transportation, by driving clean through limiting idling of your vehicle, and performing regular maintenance on your car, and conserving energy by installing solar panels on your home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims May 5 - 9, 2025 as

“Air Quality Awareness Week”

in Williamson County and encourages residents to act to ‘Be Air Aware’ and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our county and region at large.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: May 6, 2025



Steven Snell, County Judge

As Presiding Officer and on behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court