

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Williamson County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced its worst ozone season in over a decade, with more than thirty days when ozone levels were unhealthy for sensitive groups and two days unhealthy for all; and

**WHEREAS**, air pollution levels in Central Texas were considered “moderate” or worse on forty-seven percent of days in 2022, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

**WHEREAS**, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, ground-level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) levels in the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) still remain stubbornly close to exceeding the O<sub>3</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); and

**WHEREAS**, remaining in compliance with the NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the region’s economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County supports the efforts of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition to promote air quality.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim

May 1 - 5, 2023

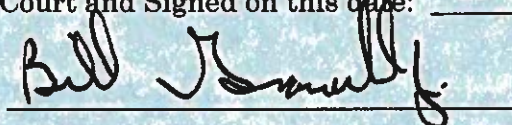
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**“Air Quality Awareness Week”**

in Williamson County and encourages our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at [AirCentralTexas.org](http://AirCentralTexas.org), and promote air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date:

May 2, 2023



Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members