

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 414**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the residents of the cities of Williamson County and the county's officials on the occasion of Williamson County Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is among the fastest-growing counties in the nation; its population of 489,250 has had an increase of over 56 percent since 2000, and employment has increased by more than 80 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is home to one of the fastest-growing health care hubs in America; its five hospitals and the Texas A&M Health Science Center have contributed to an increase in health care employment of over 55 percent since 2000; the county has been ranked as one of the healthiest counties in Texas for six consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is a center for higher learning and offers a variety of educational opportunities at historic Southwestern University, Texas State University-Round Rock, Austin Community College, and the East Williamson County Higher Education Center; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center in Georgetown is a growing and vital resource for the recruitment and acceleration of emerging biotechnology and medical device companies and for the furtherance of scientific education in area public schools and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is also home to Georgetown Utility Systems, which makes the City of Georgetown one of the nation's largest cities with municipally owned utilities to supply its customers with 100 percent solar and wind energy; and

**WHEREAS**, The transportation infrastructure of Williamson County continues to be expanded to accommodate the area's growth and to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Leander, with its transportation-oriented development, is the northern terminus of the Capital Metro commuter rail line and provides local residents with a cost-effective and environmentally friendly transportation alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, With one of the lowest crime rates anywhere, Williamson County is among the safest places in the nation, and Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Georgetown have been listed among the best places in America in which to live, launch a new business, and retire; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is the proud home of the Texas Rangers Triple A affiliate team, the Round Rock Express, and of owner and baseball legend Nolan Ryan; and

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**WHEREAS**, Williamson County is renowned for its exceptional quality of life, and its residents are noted for their hospitality, goodwill, and civic engagement and for the care and support they show for neighbors in need; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby proclaim March 16, 2017, Williamson County Day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Williamson County as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate