RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *Our society has become increasingly dependent on household chemicals to perform labor-saving, time-saving miracles; and on medicine to provide health-giving, life- sustaining benefits; and*

WHEREAS, *These products, when not used as intended or directed, may be hazardous, particularly if children gain access to them; and*

WHEREAS, *Over the past 55 years, the nation has been observing "Poison Prevention Week" to call attention to these hazards and how proper handling and disposal of these substances and proper use of safety packaging can help eliminate them; and*

WHEREAS, *The efforts of our community organizations, complemented by the efforts of the North Texas Poison Center, have reduced childhood poisonings in Hopkins County, Texas; and*

WHEREAS, *The North Texas Poison Center, a regional poison center, located at Parkland Health & Hospital System, provides the ultimate in human service programming, immediate, accessible emergency information to save lives of victims of poison-related emergencies; and*

WHEREAS, *These programs must continue as long as even one child swallows a household product or medicine by mistake; and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court does hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017 as "Poison Prevention Week" in this County. Further, we direct the appropriate agencies in our local government to continue their cooperation with concerned citizens and community organizations, including our schools, to develop programs which will alert our people to the continued danger of misusing medicines and household products and to promote effective safeguards against accidental poisonings among young children.*
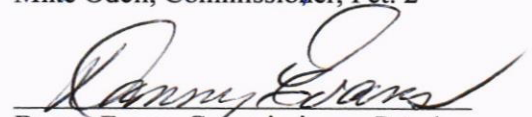
APPROVED AND ADOPTED *by the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the __13th__ day of __March, 2017.__*
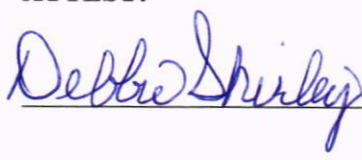
Robert Newsom, County Judge

Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Mike Odell, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Danny Evans, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Debbie Shirley **COUNTY CLERK**