



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** November 5, 2013

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

APPROVE PROCLAMATION REGARDING "AUSTIN ADOPTION DAY" TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2013 AT GARDNER-BETTS JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a single pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, [Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us) by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

# Travis County Commissioners Court



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of the County of Travis, Texas, recognize the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and,

WHEREAS, more than 6,511 children in Texas, and 210 children in Travis County are waiting for permanent families; throughout fiscal year 2013, 188 children have been placed with permanent families in Travis County and,

WHEREAS, This year, 52 children and 32 families will be participating in the Adoption Day event; and,

WHEREAS, To help these children find permanent, nurturing families, through the efforts of Honorable Darlene Byrne, 126<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge ; The Honorable Orlinda Naranjo, 419<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge; The Honorable Gisela Triana-Doyal, 200<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge; The Honorable Bill King, Associate Judge; The Honorable John Hathaway, Associate Judge; and The Honorable J. Andrew Hathcock, Associate Judge, the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department will open their doors on Thursday, November 7, 2013, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join the Austin Bar Association, CASA, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the Adoption Coalition of Texas, Travis County Child Welfare Board and other organizations, to celebrate all adoptions; and,

WHEREAS, This effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THE, HEREBY DECLARES **NOVEMBER 7, 2013 AS AUSTIN ADOPTION DAY** IN THIS COUNTY, AND IN SO DOING, URGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN IN A NATIONAL EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTION.

Signed this 5th day of November 2013.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
County Judge

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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MARGARET J. GOMEZ  
Commissioner, Precinct 4