



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** November 4, 2014

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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 6, 2014 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, 6,420 children in Texas, and 188 children in Travis County are currently awaiting their forever families; throughout fiscal year 2014, 237 children have been placed with permanent families in Travis County! This year, 50 children and 41 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, 126th District Court Judge ; The Honorable Orlanda Naranjo, 419th District Court Judge; The Honorable Gisela Triana, 200th District Court Judge; The Honorable Leonard Saenz, Associate Judge; The Honorable James L. Arth, Associate Judge; The Honorable J. Andrew Hathcock, Associate Judge, The Honorable Justice Jeff Rose, The Honorable Justice Debra Lehrmann, and The Honorable Justice Eva Guzman, the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department will open their doors on Thursday, November 6, 2014, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join the Austin Bar Association, CASA, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the Partnerships for Children, 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, HEREBY DECLARES NOVEMBER 6, 2014 AS AUSTIN ADOPTION DAY IN THIS COUNTY, AND IN SO DOING, URGES ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN A NATIONAL EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTION.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014.

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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. GÓMEZ  
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