

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary Faith Sterk began her career as a Psychiatric Social Worker at Austin State Hospital, where she functioned as a member of multi-disciplinary mental health team working with acute and chronic mental health patients and performed complex discharge planning ; and

WHEREAS, Mary Faith earned her BA in Psychology and BFA in Theatre from Southwestern University, her Masters in Social Work at the Worden School of Social Work at Our Lady of the Lake University, continued with Studies in Russian Art in Music at the University of Graz, Graz, Austria, and achieved Texas licensure as a Clinical Social Worker; and

WHEREAS, In 1993 when Mary Faith first began serving on the Board of Health of Williamson County and Cities Health District, the budget was \$1.8 million, there were 51 full-time employees and three consulting physicians. Dr. Clarence Skrovan had just retired and Karen Wilson was selected as the Director. Administration was co-housed with Environmental across the street at 303 Main. And there were only three divisions: Personal Health Services, Social Services, and Environmental Services. The population of Williamson County was 154,669, the 20th largest county in Texas. And,

WHEREAS, As Mary Faith resigns from the Board in 2012 the Health District budget is \$6.3 million and there are 98 full-time employees. The population of Williamson County is now 422,679--almost triple that of 1993, the 12th largest county in Texas, and the 9th fastest growing county in the nation.

WHEREAS, Mary Faith has been instrumental in shaping public health policy in a rapidly changing county and health district. Her leadership, vision and personal commitment to the health of our county is unequaled. The strategic guidance and trusted governance she provided over her tenure has brought credit upon herself, the District and its member governments.

WHEREAS, we would like to recognize Mary Faith for her leadership, assistance and support in ensuring the continued provision of quality public health services to our community, and

WHEREAS, Mary Faith is stepping down from the Board of Health of Williamson County and Cities Health District after nineteen years of dedicated service to Williamson County and its residents

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court would like to extend its appreciation to Mary Faith Sterk for her years of dedicated service to the health of the citizens of Williamson County.

RESOLVED THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge