

WHEREAS, Each year, National Salvation Army Week Serves as an opportunity to recognize The Salvation Army Volunteers, donors and program beneficiaries who have enabled the organization to serve those in need; and

WHEREAS, This year represents the 125th anniversary of The Salvation Army in Texas; and

WHEREAS, This week of recognition was first declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954 – 74 years after The Salvation Army arrived in the U.S. – who stated in his proclamation: *“Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of whole hearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood...Their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans. Giving freely of themselves, the men and women of the Salvation Army have won the respect of all”*; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of brotherhood, as one of the largest charitable organizations in the world, The Salvation Army offers food for the hungry; counsel to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless, opportunities for underprivileged children and relief for disaster victims; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has been serving Williamson County since the 1950’s; this includes the active volunteer-led Emergency Disaster Services canteen, which responds to disasters large and small in Williamson County and all across the great State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Williamson County Service Center opened its doors to begin serving clients on February 3, 2014 and will work to continue its mission to “Do the Most Good”; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby declare May 12 through 16, 2014 as

National Salvation Army Week

In Williamson County, Texas and urge all citizens to join in “Doing the Most Good” in their communities.

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

Lisa Birkman, Commissioner Pct. 1

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Pct. 2

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Pct. 3

Ron Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 4.

Nancy Rister, County Clerk