PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing commercial districts, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Preservation 50" is the local theme for National Preservation Month 2016 in honor of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act signed by President Johnson in 1966, cosponsored by the Georgetown Main Street Program, Georgetown Historic and Architectural Review Commission, Georgetown Heritage Society, Southwestern University, The Williamson Museum, the Georgetown Arts and Cultural District, the Williamson County Historical Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAN GATTIS, County Judge of Williamson County, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as

NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

and call upon the people of Williamson County, Texas to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.