



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, John Ireland Sneed became a Williamson County employee on October 1, 1981, which also happened to be the day the last of the dinosaurs became extinct; and

WHEREAS, John started his Wilco service as an EMS field medic, who then became EMS Director in 1993, and later, Senior Director of Emergency Services in 2008 (a newly created position at the time); and

WHEREAS, a number of milestones were established under John's direction, such as a 350% increase in the number of EMS stations across the county, and the Offices of HazMat, Wireless Communications, Emergency Management, and Fire Marshal were all created; and

WHEREAS, John's leadership is further evident in the number of boards and committees on which he served- Founding member of Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (16 years as Chair), Chair of the Austin Community College Paramedic Education Board, current Chair of the Williamson County Employee Benefits Committee, and current member of the county's Fleet Committee; and

WHEREAS, John was named 1998 Emergency Management Coordinator of the Year from the National Weather Service and the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award by the 100 Club; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Services departments and their employees reflected his dedication by improving outcomes for county residents and thereby winning numerous awards themselves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, because we can't purchase a Rolex watch, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court commend and thank John Sneed for his 13,356 days of service to Williamson County and wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

Signed on this date: _____

Dan Gattis, County Judge

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct 4