

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect, restore, and expand crime victim's rights and services
- WHEREAS, all victims of crime deserve respect, resources, restoration, and justice; and
- WHEREAS, all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government grant crime victims certain legal rights; and
- WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 26 - May 2, 2009 - 25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: "Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act", offers us all an opportunity to recommit ourselves to ensuring that every victim is afforded his or her legal rights and treated as a crucial participant in our criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS, as we carry crime victims' rights into 2009 and beyond, we must strive to create a nation where the legal rights of victims are honored and individuals are accountable for their treatment of victims; and
- WHEREAS, despite significant progress in providing rights and services to crime victims over the past two decades, large segments of our population, including crime victims with disabilities, victims with mental illness, victims who are immigrants, victims who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, and victims in rural areas, are still underserved; and
- WHEREAS, The Williamson County Commissioners Court is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Williamson County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

Now, therefore, I, Dan Gattis, as County Judge, do hereby proclaim the week of

April 26 - May 2, 2009 as
National Crime Victims' Rights Week

And reaffirm Williamson County's commitment to respect and enforce victim's rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and

Express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.


Dan Gattis, County Judge

April 14, 2009
Date