

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

That on the 19th day of May, 2009 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa L. Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Williamson County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* was established in November 2005 to serve the growing mental health needs in our county that has been exasperated by the county's rapid population growth; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* which is comprised of ten specialized mental health officers and one Lieutenant responded to 3,194 calls for psychiatric emergencies in 2008, an increase of 40% since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* has diverted hundreds of people from the criminal justice system resulting in a savings of over \$2,800,000 for Williamson County since its inception; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* Emergency Medical Services calls have decreased significantly, leaving E.M.S. available to respond to medical emergencies; and

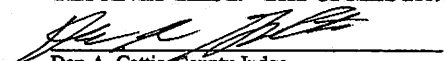
WHEREAS, the number of people taken to a State Hospital has been significantly reduced since the inception of the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team*; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* has received an award from the 100 Club of Central Texas for "Outstanding Team" for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* is due to the professionalism, expertise, and dedication of the officers that comprise the unit and has been recognized for its progressive approach in dealing with critical situations and other law enforcement agencies have used their model to initiate mental health programs in their communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamson County Commissioners Court would like to extend its appreciation to *Williamson County Crisis Intervention Team* for their dedicated service to Williamson County, specifically the growing Mental Health crisis the county is experiencing and their determination to keep our county a safe place to live.

RESOLVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 2009.


Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

ATTEST:


Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

