

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

THAT ON THIS, the 1st day of September 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 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**, September 2009 marks the sixth annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security, and

**WHEREAS**, one goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks, and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County facilitates planning with local emergency management agencies, first responders, and other stakeholders to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, in Williamson County and throughout the nation, preparedness and homeland security are essential to save lives and protect property; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government is joining with states and local governments to change perceptions about emergency preparedness and help Americans understand what it truly means to be "Ready"; and

**WHEREAS**, preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry; and


**WHEREAS**, families and businesses can be better prepared by:

- Assembling a preparedness kit to include important documents, emergency supplies, food, medications, and other necessities needed during a disaster;
- Creating an emergency preparedness plan that includes such activities as evacuation procedures, and methods of contacting family and authorities during emergencies;
- Being informed about the different types of emergencies that can happen where you live and the appropriate ways to respond to them;
- Volunteering in their local communities through local Citizen Corps Programs and other volunteer agencies.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, September 2009 is declared to be **National Preparedness Month** in Williamson County. All citizens are urged to take time this September to incorporate preparedness efforts in their personal and business activities in order to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared.

**RESOLVED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009**

Attest: Nancy E. Rister  
Nancy E. Rister  
Williamson County Clerk

  
Dan A. Gattis  
Williamson County Judge