

That on the 8th day of Sept, 2009 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Inner Loop Annex 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:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Lawsuit abuse burdens our civil justice system, stifles entrepreneurship, drives up the cost of litigation and delays justice for those with legitimate claims; and,

Whereas: Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) of Central Texas is a respected and effective organization that works to educate consumers about the human and financial costs associated with frivolous lawsuits; and,

Whereas: CALA has is a non-profit, grassroots public education movement dedicated to making the public better aware of the cost and consequences of lawsuit abuse with more than 25,000 Texans supporting their cause, including small businesses, doctors, attorneys, retirees, homemakers, consumers and taxpayers; and

Whereas: This organization has led successful efforts to reform our state's medical malpractice system, reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits in Texas, ensure that Texans who are truly injured have access to our court system, and educate Texas about how to become wise legal consumers; and

Whereas: Civil justice reforms have reintroduced common sense and fairness to our courts and have increased the number of doctors and medical specialists serving Texans; and,

Whereas: Even in the face of such progress, junk lawsuits continue to threaten our civil justice system.

Now Therefore, I Judge Dan Gattis, proclaim October 5-9, 2009, as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week" to remind every citizen that civil justice reforms have been good for the Lone Star State and it is our duty to keep Texas on the right path.

Dan Gattis, County Judge

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