## **Proclamation**

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DAY

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week is November 16-20; and

WHEREAS, National Geographic Information System (GIS) Day is November 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of Williamson County; and,

WHEREAS and understanding of geographic concepts is crucial to maintaining efficient use of County resources, continued economic prosperity, and the general health and well-being of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the management, use, and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision-making by city, county, state and federal government; and,

WHEREAS, computerized GIS technologies provide more efficient means of managing geographic information, and enable government to do more with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is committed to expanding the use of GIS and related technologies to County departments to improve operations in order to better serve its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009, as NATIONAL GIS DAY.

Williamson County Judge

Attest, Nancy Rister

Williamson County Clerk