

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
LOW-INCOME VEHICLE REPAIR, RETROFIT, AND ACCELERATED RETIREMENT
PROGRAM AND LOCAL INITIATIVE PROJECTS INCLUDING
EMISSIONS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, Williamson County entered into an Early Action Compact (EAC) with 11 other local political jurisdictions to address this region's air pollution problems relative to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, As part of the EAC, Williamson County voluntarily committed to administer the Low Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Replacement Assistance Programs to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the EPA is anticipated to announce a new 8-hour ozone standard by July 31, 2011, which could be much more stringent than the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and will require significant emissions reductions; and,

WHEREAS, automobiles and light duty trucks are major sources of ozone forming nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions in Williamson County and approximately 10 percent of these vehicles cause a very large portion of the NOx emissions; and,

WHEREAS, during the 80th Legislative Session of the State of Texas, Senate Bill 12 expanded the Low-Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Accelerated Retirement Program and increased statewide funding for implementation of Local Initiative Projects (LIP) including emissions enforcement programs; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the LIRAP and LIP programs are funded locally through vehicle emission inspection fees paid by Williamson County vehicle owners and cutting the programs will result in minimal savings to the State budget; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County created the Counterfeit Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (CMVIP) by utilizing LIP funds in an effort to improve the County's air quality; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County has determined continuing LIRAP, LIP, and CMVIP will improve the overall quality of life and health of the citizens of Williamson County; and,

WHEREAS, LIRAP and LIP need to be fully funded to make the programs even more effective and productive in reducing mobile source emissions as Williamson County faces tougher ozone NAAQS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT, THAT:**

Section 1. Williamson County urges the 82nd Texas Legislature to appropriate all available funding for LIRAP and LIP

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 3. This resolution will be transmitted to the Texas Legislative Budget Board, the Texas House Committee on Appropriations, the Texas Senate Committee on Finance, and the legislative delegation of Williamson Counties.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 2011.



Dan A. Gattis
County Judge