RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT APPLICATION TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR A FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, Bell County, Texas (the "County") has sustained recent catastrophic flooding from the Salado Creek Watershed (the "Watershed"), resulting in significant loss of property, most recently in September 2010, much within the areas of the Village of Salado; and

WHEREAS, Salado Creek drains a watershed of over 150 miles, in which no flood control structures exist, has the topography and soil types that are conducive to rapid run-off, and

WHEREAS, the Bell County Commissioners Court (the "Commissioners Court") has determined that it is important for sound flood disaster planning to have a comprehensive study of the Salado Creek Watershed to serve as a basis for identifying the best options for protecting life and property in the Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes that the County will continue to experience high growth, much in unincorporated areas, that existing and future development will impact and be impacted by flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes that a Flood Protection Planning Grant from the Texas Water Development Board will assist in the funding of the needed comprehensive study; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half the drainage area of the Salado Creek Watershed lies within Williamson County, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

Williamson County supports Bell County Commissioners Court Application for a Flood Protection Grant from the Texas Water Development Board.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of April, 2011.

Dan A. Gattis

Williamson County Judge

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