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

That on the 6th day of March, 2012 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, 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:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Texas through a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver approved by the federal government on December 12, 2011 allows state and local communities access to additional federal funds designated to improve access to care, the quality of care, and the health of the population being served; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas under the terms of the 1115 Medicaid waiver, requires Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) be created in geographical regions, to develop regional healthcare plans for Uncompensated Care (UC) and a Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP); and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County proposes a RHP be created, currently known as Eight-West, to include Bell, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Comanche, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Milam, Mills, San Saba and Williamson counties, and potentially others; and,

WHEREAS, participation in a RHP and participation in the DSRIP is necessary for eligibility to receive payments from the State for healthcare services; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available for Uncompensated Care (UC) pools, and an incentive program through the DSRIP that is intended to enhance access to health care, increase the quality of care and the cost-effectiveness of care provided, and the health of the patients and families served; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County through various communication efforts and regional meetings, including a regional meeting conducted by Williamson County and the Williamson County and Cities Health District on February 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a proposal offered at the February 23, 2012 meeting included Texas A&M University System Health Science Center being named as the "Anchor" under the State definition; and,

WHEREAS, Texas A&M Health Science Center (TAMHSC) has a legacy of commitment to the health and well-being of communities; academic and practical expertise; ongoing collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission; and the infrastructure and experience necessary to implement federal and state health initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court supports the formation of the RHP known as Eight-West for the planning and provision of healthcare services in the county and regional and selects TAMHSC as the RHP anchor.

RESOLVED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge