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Williamson County, Texas PURCHASING MONTH

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, Procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions such as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in Williamson County and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department in Williamson County is committed to provide high caliber strategic logistical and operational support of all departments within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department and Williamson County recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement, (NIGP) as fundamental tenants of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP, has proclaimed the month of March as Purchasing Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professionals' role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas hereby proclaims the month of March 2012 as:

"PURCHASING MONTH"

in Williamson County, Texas and urges all citizens to join the Williamson County, Texas Commissioners Court in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Williamson County to be affixed this 20th day of March, 2012



Judge Dan Gaffis, Williamson County Judge