National Salvation Army Week, May 15-21, 2017

Whereas, for 128 years The Salvation Army has been "Doing The Most Good" to serve individuals and families in greatest need in Texas without discrimination; and

Whereas, The Salvation Army has been serving in Williamson County since the 1950's, including the active volunteer-led Emergency Disaster Services team which responds to disasters large and small in Williamson and Travis counties, across the great State of Texas and into neighboring states when needed; and

Whereas, The Salvation Army services in Williamson County range from providing food for the hungry, to relief for disaster victims, financial support and services to help prevent homelessness, opportunities for underprivileged children, and spiritual support to those who seek it; and

Whereas, National Salvation Army week was first declared in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower who stated in his proclamation, "Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of whole hearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood...Their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans... Giving freely of themselves, the men of and women of the Salvation Army have won the respect of all"; and

Whereas, We are pleased to recognize The Salvation Army Williamson County Service Center, the many volunteers and the donors who have enabled the organization to serve our community for so long;

Now, Therefore, I,

Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge

Do proclaim May 15-21, 2017 as National Salvation Army Week.