COURT ORDER NO. 2010- 749 -09-20

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Resolution supporting the redistricting of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education Districts

On **September 20, 2010,** the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Keith Self	**County Judge, Presiding**
Matt Shaheen	**Commissioner, Precinct 1**
Jerry Hoagland	**Commissioner, Precinct 2**
Joe Jaynes	**Commissioner, Precinct 3**
Kathy Ward Not Present	**Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution supporting the redistricting of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts.

WHEREAS, the Texas population is estimated to have grown by nearly 3.9 million to close to 25 million people from 2000 to 2009, with Collin County leading the way having grown by an estimated 55% to an estimated 800,000 people, growing by an average of 94 new residents daily. Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States and will be the 6th largest county in Texas after the 2010 census in completed;

WHEREAS, Collin County represents a cohesive community of interest of towns and cities with similar family values, religious beliefs, economic goals;

WHEREAS, Collin County is currently represented by two excellent Congressmen in Ralph Hall and Sam Johnson, two esteemed State Senators in Florence Shapiro and Craig Estes, and four fine Representatives in Jerry Madden, Ken Paxton, Jodie Laubenberg, and Van Taylor and two dedicated State Board of Education members in Don McLeroy and Tincy Miller;

WHEREAS, Because of Collin County's rapid growth rate, our communities are currently underrepresented at both the Federal and State levels. Collin County residents deserve to have elected representation that matches our community of interests, while also ensuring the districts increase in number proportionally to the rapid growth in Collin County's population. Furthermore, our Congressional and Legislative delegation is currently spread into neighboring counties which desire to have elected officials that meet their interests and community needs as well;

WHEREAS, The Texas House Committee on Redistricting is conducting a public hearing on September 22, 2010 at the University of Texas at Dallas to obtain public input on all issues relating to the redistricting of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts following the release of the Federal census in 2011 and gathering information regarding the existence and location of communities of interest to be considered in the creation of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Collin County is a cohesive group of towns and cities with shared interests and common heritage; and

Collin County believes that representation at the state and federal level is strongest when it is united. Our towns and cities alike need a voice in government by people who understand our issues; and

Collin County requests that the Texas House of Representatives maximize elected representation in Collin County at the Congressional and State levels. The County requests that our towns and cities share common representation at both the state and federal level. We request that the Committee on Redistricting include all of Collin County inside congruent Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts that fairly represent all of Collin County; and

Collin County requests that the Texas House of Representatives match the population growth and maximize representation for Collin County by creating five wholly situated state house districts, one wholly situated state senate district, one or two dominate congressional districts, and wholly situate Collin County in a single State Board of Education district.

Keith Self, County Judge

Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Not Present
Kathy Ward, Commissioner, Pct. 4

COMMISSIONERS COURT COLLIN COUNTY TEXAS

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, TEXAS