

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Resolution, Supporting Cohesive Communities of Interest – Commissioners Court

On **February 14, 2011**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Keith Self
Matt Shaheen
Cheryl Williams
Joe Jaynes
Duncan Webb

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution supporting cohesive communities of interest.

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 is 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 Thomas Ratliff 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 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;

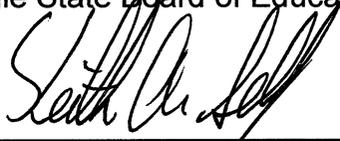
WHEREAS, Members of the 82nd Session of the Texas State Legislature are currently considering all issues relating to the redistricting of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts following the release of the Federal census in 2011 and gathering information regarding the existence and location of communities of interest to be considered in the creation of Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Commissioners Court of Collin County believes that Collin County is a cohesive group of towns and cities with shared interests and common heritage; be it further

RESOLVED, The Commissioners Court of 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; be it further

RESOLVED, The Commissioners Court of Collin County requests that the Texas Legislature maximize elected representation in Collin County at the Congressional and State levels. The Council requests that our towns and cities share common representation at both the state and federal level. We request that the Legislature include all of Collin County inside congruent Congressional, Legislative, and State Board of Education districts that fairly represent all of Collin County; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Commissioners Court of Collin County requests that the Texas Legislature match the population growth and maximize representation for Collin County by allowing Collin County greatest representation in one or two Congressional districts, creating five State House districts wholly contained within Collin County, one wholly situated State Senate district, and wholly situate Collin County in a single State Board of Education district.



Keith Self, County Judge



Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
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