



Resolution

In Support of Modifying NCTCOG's Bylaws to Include Permanent, Voting Members from Collin & Denton Counties

WHEREAS, Collin and Denton Counties are two of the fastest growing, large urban counties in the North Texas region and the State, with a combined population of more than 1.4 million people; and,

WHEREAS, in the last decade alone, these two counties grew by more than 60 percent each, including some of the most robust, sustained economic expansion and infrastructure development in the region; and,

WHEREAS, Collin and Denton Counties are members of The *North Central Texas Council of Governments*, a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, whose existence is based on helping local governments plan for common needs, and whose purpose is to strengthen both the *individual* and collective power of local governments by helping them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make *joint* decisions; and,

WHEREAS, in turn, the Executive Board of NCTCOG is structured so that only one representative from either Collin or Denton County may sit on the board at one time, resulting in only one policy-making vote represents almost 1.5 million people – or, about one-fourth of the entire population of NCTCOG's 16-county region; and,

WHEREAS, at any given time, either Collin or Denton County is actually excluded from a direct say on the Board when it comes to policy decisions, to the point where, if county's member is elected as an officer to this board, the other county will be denied a vote for up to four years;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Collin County Commissioners Court gives its unanimous support for having the *North Central Texas Council of Governments* give both Collin County and Denton County a permanent seat on the NCTCOG Executive Board by modifying its bylaws and have the main policy-making body of NCTCOG reflect the true make-up of this vital region of the State of Texas.

Keith Self, County Judge

Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4