

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF AN EXPANSION OF THE
DEFINITION OF "WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES"**

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a proposed new rule on April 21, 2014 that would amend the definition of "waters of the United States".

WHEREAS the proposed rule would erase the distinction between bodies of water - such as streams and lakes - and ditches on the side of the road or storm-water drains; and

WHEREAS the proposed rule would require counties to obtain federal permits to do routine maintenance work on a roadside ditch or storm water drain; and

WHEREAS Texas counties are responsible for maintaining drainage ditches and storm water drains within their jurisdiction; and

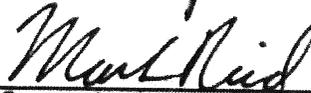
WHEREAS adding a new layer of regulation will increase costs, add delays, and potentially put people in harm's way by interfering with projects to keep roads clear and/or prevent flooding; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collin County Commissioners Court opposes the new rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States".

ADOPTED THIS SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.



Keith Self, County Judge



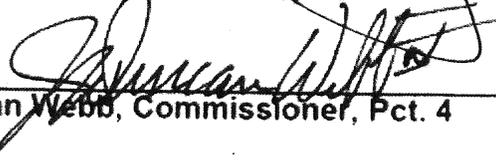
Mark Reid, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4