



***Blackland Prairie Chapter
Of Texas Master Naturalists***

WHEREAS, The Blackland Prairie Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists was founded in 2006 to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service for the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their community; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated group, in close partnership with and sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and many local groups, grew from its original eight volunteers to more than one hundred active members today; and

WHEREAS, The Blackland Prairie Chapter has trained more than three hundred other volunteers through annual, intensive thirteen-week classes, presented by recognized experts in such fields as botany, prairie history, geology, meteorology and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The Chapter alone has contributed more than one-hundred thousand hours of volunteer service throughout Collin County in its ten years of educational programs in schools, community functions, and restoration or preservation projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Collin County Commissioners Court, do hereby give our unanimous support and agreement that members of the Black Prairie Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists be acknowledged and recognized for their sustained dedication and service for the betterment of the people who live and work in Collin County.

Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4