



WHEREAS: The Kaufman County Master Gardeners are a part of a nationwide program which provides home horticulture training through the state land grant university system, to individuals who then volunteer in their communities in a variety of areas from creating gardens to promoting horticulture through educational seminars and doing research; and

WHEREAS: In the year 2000, the Kaufman County Extension Office, saw the success and popularity of the Master Gardener program in other Texas counties and throughout the nation, and partnered with other North Texas counties to start training Master Gardeners in Kaufman County; and

WHEREAS: Training sessions are held once every two years, prospective Master Gardeners must complete 50 hours of class-room instruction and fulfill 50 hours of volunteer service in specific areas before becoming certified; and

WHEREAS: Volunteerism is a major focus of the organization whose members have logged in 2,473 volunteer hours in 2013, giving a volunteer value in excess of \$54,700.00 to Kaufman County, and working tirelessly for the betterment of Kaufman County; and

WHEREAS: Since the inception of the Kaufman County Master Gardeners, nearly 14 years ago, approximately 87 Master Gardeners have been certified and have performed more than 50,000 volunteer hours sharing expertise and promoting horticulture in Kaufman County and throughout North Texas; and

WHEREAS: The outreach programs and the Kaufman County Master Gardeners, would not be possible without the guidance, support and funding from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Kaufman County Commissioner's Court; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaufman County Texas Commissioners Court hereby recognize the many volunteers of the Kaufman County Master Gardener Association and we urge all citizens to thank their members and support all of the fine programs presented by this organization.

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Kaufman County Judge Bruce Wood

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jimmie Joe Vignath'.

Commissioner, Precinct 1

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray Chan'.

Commissioner, Precinct 2

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kenneth L. Brown'.

Commissioner, Precinct 3

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom S. Manning'.

Commissioner, Precinct 4



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