

RESOLUTION

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

WHEREAS, mentoring is a longstanding tradition in which a dependable, caring adult provides guidance, support, and encouragement to facilitate a young person's social, emotional, and cognitive development; and

WHEREAS, continued research on mentoring shows that formal, high-quality mentoring focused on developing the competence and character of the mentee promotes positive outcomes, such as improved academic achievement, self-esteem, social skills, and career development ; and

WHEREAS, further research on mentoring provides strong evidence that mentoring successfully reduces substance use and abuse, academic failure, and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, mentoring, in addition to preparing young people for school, work, and life, is extremely rewarding for those serving as mentors; and

WHEREAS, more than 4,700 mentoring programs in communities of all sizes across the United States focus on building strong, effective relationships between mentors and mentees; and

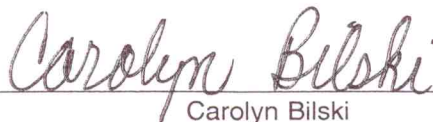
WHEREAS, a month-long celebration of mentoring will encourage more individuals and organizations, including schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith institutions, and foundations, to become engaged in mentoring across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Carolyn Bilski, County Judge on behalf of Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas do hereby proclaim and declare the month of January, 2010 as

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in Austin County, Texas and hereby recognizes with gratitude Raising Academic Performance for their contributions to Austin County youth.

SIGNED this 25th day of January 2010, in Austin County, Texas, by



Carolyn Bilski
County Judge

David Ottmer
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioners, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

