

# Travis County Commissioners Court



# Resolution

WHEREAS, an estimated 163,630 (16%) Travis County residents lived in poverty in 2009, higher than the national poverty rate of 14%;

WHEREAS, the child poverty rate in Travis County reached a ten-year high in 2009, with 23% (56,690) of children under age 18 living in poverty;

WHEREAS, most researchers and policy-makers agree that families typically need incomes of at least double the Federal Poverty Income Guideline levels (\$10,830 for an individual or \$22,050 for a family of four in 2010) to make ends meet;

WHEREAS, through this expanded lens, over one-third of Travis County residents (35%, or 352,398 people) live in households with incomes at or below 200% of the poverty level;

WHEREAS, families living in or near poverty often struggle to meet basic needs and have to make hard choices about what to go without;

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for services to support individuals and families in poverty;

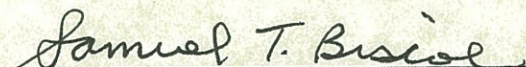
WHEREAS, the success and well-being of every Travis County resident is tied to the long-term prosperity of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011 AS

## "POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH"


IN TRAVIS COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR CITIZENS TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF POVERTY BY ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2011.



SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
COUNTY JUDGE

  
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RON DAVIS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

  
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KAREN HUBER  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

  
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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4