

# Resolution



ORDER NO. 2024-0311

DATE: 4/2/2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on 2nd day of April 2024, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, We recognize that most parents endeavor to be good parents and do not abuse their children. But, child abuse and neglect are a public health crisis and community problem, and finding solutions depends upon the involvement of citizens throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 173 Texas children, nearly three children a week, died from child abuse in Fiscal Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, In Dallas County, 5,702 children, 15 children a day, were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect, and in Texas, 58,120 children were confirmed child abuse and neglect victims in Fiscal Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, In Dallas County, around two children per day were removed from their homes due to abuse in Fiscal Year 2023, totaling up to 726 children. Similarly, in Texas, 9,965 were removed from their homes due to abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect can cause children to have costly social problems such as low-weight births, emergency room visits, and children in the social welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections systems; and


**WHEREAS**, Two-thirds of children referred to juvenile delinquency court have some involvement in the social services system stemming from allegations of abuse, neglect, or dependency, and for children with two or more offenses in juvenile court, the percentage increases to 90% who have some social services involvement; and

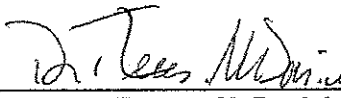
**WHEREAS**, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed in part because of partnerships created among federal, state, and local officials, medical and social service agencies, non-profits, private foundations, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, the business community, volunteers and families; and

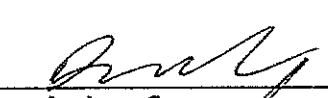
**WHEREAS**, All citizens should become more aware of child abuse and effective prevention programs within the community and become involved in supporting parents and other caregivers to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court, together with the **Child Abuse Prevention Month Committee**, call upon all citizens, legislators, other elected officials, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, and advocate for child abuse prevention investment, thereby strengthening the health, safety, and productivity of the citizens in the community in which we live.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
Andrew Sommerman  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4