Resolution



ORDER NO: 2024-0046

DATE: June 23, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 23rd day of January, 2024, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Affordable Connectivity Program was established in 2021 as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law appropriating \$14.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Connectivity Program provides affordable high-speed internet options to qualifying households across the United States and is administered by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, As of January 2024, over 22 million households are enrolled and receiving the Affordable Connectivity monthly benefit including approximately 216,000 residents of Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, Without additional funding from Congress, the allotted \$14.2 billion to fund the Affordable Connectivity Program is projected to run out in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, Households who have applied, been approved, and are receiving the monthly internet discount before February 8, 2024, will continue to receive their benefit until program funds run out as long as the households remains enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, After funds run out, households participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program will no longer receive the benefit; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev), and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), and U.S. Representatives Yvette D. Clark (NY-09) and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) have introduced the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act to provide \$7 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program to extend the benefit through FY2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby express its unequivocal support for the bipartisan, bicameral Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act and urge all Dallas County congressional leaders to support passage of this legislation so Dallas County residents can continue to receive this vital benefit.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 23rd day of January 2024.

Clay Lewis Jenkins County Judge Dr. Theresa M. Daniel District 1

M. Daniel Andrew Sommerman
District 2

John Wiley Price

District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia

District 4