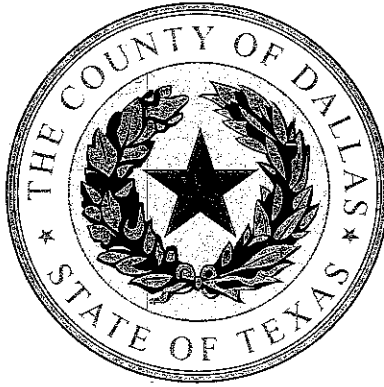


Resolution



ORDER NO: 2024-0437

DATE: May 7, 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 7th day of May, 2024, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Since 1984, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) has declared May to be "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month." It is a peak season for people with asthma and allergies and a perfect time to educate patients, family, friends, co-workers, and other people about allergic diseases. This year's theme is debunking myths and misinformation about asthma and allergies, including what causes them and how to treat them; and

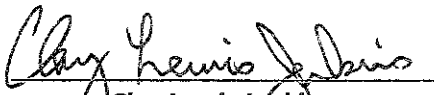
WHEREAS, Asthma and allergies are amongst the most common chronic conditions affecting both adults and children. Allergies are the response to how your immune system reacts to a foreign substance. The condition is the sixth leading chronic illness in the United States. In 2023 4.8 million children in the United States had asthma and 25 million, or 1 in 13 people in the United States, have asthma and the numbers are increasing each year. Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous individuals in the United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

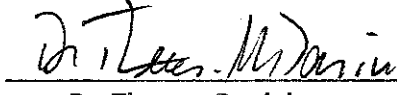
WHEREAS, The Dallas-Fort Worth region was reclassified as "severe" for ozone pollution in 2022; the area is now the 16th most polluted for ozone in America and has received an "F" grade for ozone pollution. Ozone and particulate matter are the leading triggers of allergy and asthma attacks as both are lung irritants and can reduce lung function. During the 2023 ozone season, NCTCOG reported 50 exceedance days. One exceedance day means one or more air quality monitors in the region measured ozone levels averaging above 70 parts per billion, the federal standard; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) helps people with chronic disease through their Asthma Control Program that aims to improve health outcomes for children with asthma and their families. DCHHS offers guidance on self-management education, and, in partnership with Parkland Health, offers the Pediatric Asthma Surveillance System (PASS) dashboard. PASS is an online tool to assess pediatric vulnerability to asthma by zip code. In emergency or chronic childhood cases, the department offers environmental assessments of an asthma patient's home through referrals. This assessment has the aim of helping families identify and reduce asthma triggers that may be present.

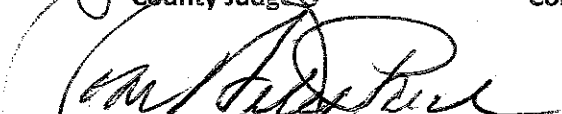
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of May as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and affirms that Dallas County and its partners remain committed to bringing awareness and advocacy about this significant health risk and its treatment to our residents.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 7th day of May, 2024.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


Andrew Sommerman
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4