

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2024-0197

DATE: March 5, 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 5th day of March 2024, on a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District #1, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Elva Garcia, District #4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: In 2024, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 153,020 new cases of colorectal cancer in the U.S., and a total of 53,010 people will die from these cancers. Colorectal cancer is a significant cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. It is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in men, causing 81,860 deaths, and the fourth leading cause in women, causing 71,160 deaths. When the numbers for men and women are combined, it becomes the second most common cause of cancer deaths. Of these cases, 3,750 deaths will be individuals younger than 50 years old; and


WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer isn't as common in people under the age of 50 as it is in older people, but it's not as uncommon as many people might think. In 2020, about 12% of colorectal cancers – about 18,000 cases – will be diagnosed in people under the age of 50 in the US. What's more, while rates of colorectal cancer have been falling in older age groups in recent years, they've been rising among younger people; and



WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer also disproportionately affects the Black community, where the rates are the highest of any racial/ethnic group in the US. African Americans are about 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from it than most other groups; and

WHEREAS: Friday, March 1, 2024, Dress in Blue Day. The color blue symbolizes colon cancer, like a pink ribbon symbolizes breast cancer. There have been suggestions to turn the whole of March Blue— and not just the first Friday of the month — by promoting colon cancer awareness.

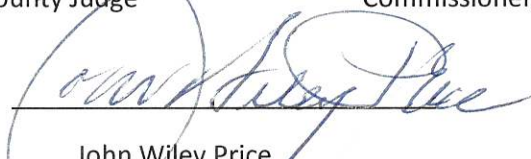
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners' Court joins in the designation of March 2024 as **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** and urges all citizens of Dallas County to recognize the importance of colorectal cancer screenings in fighting this deadly disease.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 5th day of March 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. Elva Garcia
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