

ORDER NO. 2013-0742

DATE: APRIL 30, 2013

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, on motion made by <u>Dr. Theresa Daniel</u>, <u>District 1</u> and seconded by <u>Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4</u>, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court takes special notice and acknowledges the exceptional service Children's Medical Center has provided for more than 100 years to our most vulnerable citizens; and
- WHEREAS, On April 6, 1913, 15 babies a day were dying of dehydration caused by malnutrition and diarrhea. The open-air clinic or "baby camp" created to treat these sick children later became one of the world's most renowned children's medical centers; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center serves all children regardless of their families' ability to pay, and does so without tax support from the city or county, providing \$140 million in community benefits in 2011; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center has been the pediatric safety net hospital for Dallas County since signing an agreement with the Parkland Health & Hospital System two decades ago. Today, Children's Medical Center provides the largest portion of the care to Dallas County children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center includes two main campuses in Dallas and Plano and several multiple specialty clinics. Children's Medical Center has a network of MyChildren's pediatric primary care offices located in underserved neighborhoods, which last year, provided medical homes for almost 100,000 children; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center annually produces a report titled *Beyond ABC*, providing 60 data elements on the health and wellness of children in Dallas County, as well as several northern neighboring counties. Children's Medical Center has an annual impact of more than \$1.6 billion on the regional economy, employing 5,600 people and a medical/dental staff of more than 1,000; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center is the fifth-largest pediatric health care provider in the nation and is ranked among the top children hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report in all 10 specialties; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center is the only pediatric healthcare organization in the nation to achieve seven disease-specific certifications from the Joint Commission, as well as Magnet Recognition for nursing excellence, the highest national recognition granted to a hospital for nursing excellence; and
- WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center is a leader in research, having co-founded the "Children's Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern" with its research partner, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, to enable transformational pediatric research; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioner Court and the residents of Dallas County who are the beneficiaries of Children's Medical Center's pioneering spirit, we congratulate Children's Medical Center and celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**DONE IN OPEN COV** $\widehat{R}$  this the 30th day of April, 2013.

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