## Resolution

ORDER NO. 2015-1502

DATE: November 3, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3rd day of November, 2015 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District #1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner District #3, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court wishes to observe November as National Diabetes Month, a time for communities across the county and the United States to shine a spotlight on diabetes, encourage action to raise awareness, support families and communities and take steps to Stop Diabetes; and
- WHEREAS, Two out of three people with diabetes die of heart disease or stroke. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure and new cases of blindness among adults. The rate of amputation for people with diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes. About 60-70% of people with diabetes have mild to severe forms of nerve damage that could result in pain in the feet or hands, slowed digestion, sexual dysfunction and other nerve problems; and
- WHEREAS, Forty-five percent of the American population is living with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. Another 86 million adults in the United States have pre-diabetes, a condition that increases their chances of developing Type 2 diabetes. In Dallas County, 11.4% of residents have diabetes, a higher percentage compared to Texas at 9.6% and the U.S. at 8.3%; and
- WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is close to \$300 billion, including approximately \$215 billion in direct medical costs and \$85 billion in reduced productivity (disability, work loss, premature mortality). One in ten health care dollars is spent treating diabetes and its complications. One in five health care dollars is spent caring for people with diabetes; and
- WHEREAS, There is good news: diabetes complications can be prevented or delayed by properly managing blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Eating healthy, physical activity, exercise and healthy behaviors such as not smoking also can help lower the risk of diabetes complications. Early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes may prevent the development of these health problems; and
- WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day 2015 is Thursday, November 12, 2015. Join the North Texas American Diabetes Association at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie to inform and inspire participants, to help stop diabetes through education, advocacy, and financial support.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize November 12<sup>th</sup> as **World Diabetes Day**, an official United Nations World Day and the month of November as **National Diabetes Month**. Let's support the effort to Stop Diabetes!

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 3rd day of November, 2015.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1

Mike Cantrell, Commissioner District 2

John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4