Resolution

ORDER NO. 2015-0412

DATE: March 31, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 31st day of March, 2015 on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1 and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4 , the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court takes special notice and acknowledges during *Women's History Month*, the significant contributions by women of every race, class, and ethnic background that have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Dallas County as represented by these four extraordinary women organizations we recognize today; and

WHEREAS, Women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by representing a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home. Throughout the history of Dallas County, women served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, providing the volunteer labor force and involved in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, The *Women's Council of Dallas County*, organized in 1954 by women who cared about social issues, is a voluntary, non-partisan, nonprofit organization of diverse individuals and member organizations. The Women's Council organizes seminars and educational programs to illuminate community problems and works with decision makers in education, juvenile justice, mental and physical health services, various levels of government and civic leaders to advocate for and implement positive changes within the community; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international non-profit organization and one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African-Americans and other persons of African-American ancestry. The six North Texas Chapters, whose members are influential decision makers and opinion leaders, remain dedicated to eradicating disparities in education, health, culture and the economy to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, The *Dallas Women's Foundation* engages a broad and inclusive group of citizens in its mission to increase investment in women and girls and empower women's philanthropy, conducting research, raising funds and making grants of more than \$25 million since 1985 to organizations that strengthen women and girls to advance social and economic change. The Dallas Women's Foundation unleashes a powerful and positive ripple effect of benefit to the woman or girl herself, her family, her community, our county and our state; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic 100 was organized in 1996 to fulfill the need for Hispanic women leaders in the Dallas area to unite and advance Latina participation in the business arena. Hispanic 100 is a network of Dallas area Hispanic women leaders engaged to help increase business development opportunities for Hispanic women-owned businesses and works to promote Hispanic women leadership in the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all.

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioner Court and the residents of Dallas County, we call upon all citizens to observe the month of March as *Women's History Month*, recognizing that we draw strength and inspiration from the women who came before us and these exceptional women and organizations whom we honor here today.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 31st day of March, 2015.

Dr. Theresa Daniel

Commissioner, District 1

John Wiley Price Commissioner, District 3 Mike Cantrell
Commissioner District 2

Dr. Elba Garcia Commissioner, District 4