## Resolution

**ORDER NO.** 2015-0524

DATE: April 21, 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 21st day of April, 2015 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1 and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4 , the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation, the Dallas County Dental Association and the Texas Mission of Mercy for their efforts in bringing much-needed dental services to the citizens of Dallas County; and
- WHEREAS, In 2001, the first Texas Mission of Mercy event was held in Tyler, Texas as a free, volunteer-based, mobile dental clinic that focused on pain-relieving dental care. This event served 625 patients and provided over \$295,000 worth of charitable dental care; and
- WHEREAS, Since 2001, Texas Mission of Mercy has hosted 56 mission events in 37 cities, providing \$15,706,375 in charitable dentistry to 30,471 Texans. Texas Mission of Mercy events are organized by the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation, the charitable arm of the Texas Dental Association; and
- WHEREAS, The Dallas-area has hosted four of the previous Texas Mission of Mercy events (2004, 2005, 2007, and 2011), serving a total of 3,201 patients and donating \$1,291,197 in charitable dental care to the community; and
- WHEREAS, Its' fifth mission was held on April 10-11, 2015, at Eastfield College in Mesquite, with large support from the Dallas County Dental Society. Consistent with its mission to provide free, pain-relieving dental care to any person regardless of insurance or income on a first come, first serve basis, Texas Mission of Mercy Dallas 2015 was organized to provide care to 1,000 patients and provide roughly \$600,000 worth of charitable treatment; and
- WHEREAS, Over 100 dentists from across the state volunteered their time and paid their own costs to attend the event and provide treatment. Hundreds of other volunteers from dental schools, businesses, religious groups, and the community assisted with event operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the citizens of Dallas County, we join in celebrating Texas Mission of Mercy's 57<sup>th</sup> mission and its fifth mission in Dallas County for their unwavering commitment to serving the oral health and overall health needs of our community with compassion.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 21st day of April, 2015.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel Commissioner, District

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

Dr. Elba Garcia Commissioner, District 4