Resolution

ORDER NO:

2017-1239

DATE: October 3, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3rd day of October, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3 , the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS,

Each year the month of October is observed as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, because according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the most common form cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity in the United States. The Dallas County Commissioners Court joins breast cancer survivors, those who have lost a loved one to breast cancer, the local community, medical providers, and Parkland Health & Hospital System in the fight to find a cure; and

WHEREAS,

The statistics show that American women have a 1 in 8 chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cause of death among Hispanic women and the second most common cause of death from cancer among Caucasian, African-American, Asian/Pacific and American Indian/Alaska Native women; and

WHEREAS,

The providers at Parkland Health & Hospital System recommend women of average risk for breast cancer start getting mammograms at age 40, practice breast self-examinations and immediately contact a physician if they notice any change in their breast; and

WHEREAS,

Parkland's mobile unit travels to various communities four times a month providing mammograms and breast education to Dallas County residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The southern Dallas County ZIP codes of 75216, 75241, 75232, 75215, 75210 and 75215 are priority areas for outreach, as women living there are statistically more likely to die of breast cancer due to a late-stage diagnosis. The high incidence in these zip codes triggers targeted services such as additional mobile unit visits. From October 2016 to August 2017, Parkland provided 15,252 mammograms at their Breast Center; 7,393 diagnostic screenings; and 8,654 mammograms with their mobile unit; and

WHEREAS,

Parkland Health & Hospital System staff encourages anyone needing more information to attend its annual "Come Together for the Cure" breast cancer awareness event scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Light of the World Church of Christ: 7408 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75232.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby designates October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Dallas County and urges community residents to get necessary medical screenings and mammogram as recommended. We will continue advocating for health and wellness and access to medical care as long as disparities exist.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 3rd day of October, 2017.

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