BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 5th day of September, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dallas County joins the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in observing National Recovery Month in September. Every year, local government, nonprofits, service agencies, medical professionals, and individuals from across the Nation participate in National Recovery Month. This year's theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities"; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month emphasizes the connection between behavioral health and overall health. Successful recovery for individuals is possible when evidence-based clinical treatment and support services are accessible to the community. SAMHSA identifies four major dimensions important to sustaining a life in recovery: Health, Home, Purpose, and Community. More than 23 million people are living in long-term recovery today; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 43 million adults, 18 and older, are living with a mental illness and more than 21 million adults are classified as having a substance use disorder. According to SAMHSA, mental health and substance use disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Recognition and observance of recovery efforts started in 1989 with "Treatment Works! Month" to celebrate the success of substance use treatment. In 2011, this observance evolved into National Recovery Month to include treatment and recovery from all aspects of behavioral health. This September 2017 marks twenty-seven years of National Recovery Month celebrations and uplifting individuals who are on the road to recovery and those who are living in recovery; and

WHEREAS, Today, we show our appreciation to local community leaders, partners and agencies whom together, form the network of recovery services in Dallas County and who actively participate in the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. Today, we honor all those individuals who are taking the steps to live their best lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court calls on Dallas County residents and stakeholders to recognize National Recovery Month this September and to remember that recovery treatment is effective and people do recover.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 5th day of September, 2017.