## Resolution

ORDER NO. 2017-1393

DATE: November 7, 2017

**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 7th day of November, 2017 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District #1, and seconded by Commissioner Mike Cantrell, Commissioner District #2\_\_, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Every November, across the nation, communities observe National Diabetes Month to bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans. The Dallas County Commissioners Court joins the nation in observing National Diabetes Month and encourages actions to raise awareness, support families and to help communities take steps to curb diabetes; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, diabetes was named the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. An estimated 30.3 million Americans had diabetes, of that number an estimated 1.25 million were children. The number of Americans living with diabetes grows every year - approximately 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with diabetes every year; and

WHEREAS, In Texas, it is estimated that 2,841,723 individuals or 14.2% of the adult population have diabetes and of those individuals around 663,000 have diabetes and do not know it. The issue is further compounded because an additional 6,884,000 individuals have pre-diabetes, putting them at greater risk to develop diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 9.1% of the adult population in Dallas County has diabetes, compared to 11.2% in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is close to \$245 billion, including approximately \$176 billion in direct medical costs and \$69 billion in reduced productivity (disability, work loss, premature mortality); 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, Dallas County Health and Human Services has partnered with the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute to provide a farm stand of fruits and vegetables for DCHHS employees and residents of Dallas County at the DCHHS building to lower the risk of diabetes and obesity; and

WHEREAS, Community education, an important piece to prevention and individual care, can be found at the Diabetes Clinic at Parkland. Parkland's Global Diabetes Program seeks to create an environment that educates, supports and encourages a productive and healthy lifestyle for people living with diabetes. Parkland actively cares for over 36,000 individuals with diabetes in Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, People with diabetes can live a longer, healthier life with the right medical care, food choices and good information about diabetes with the Diabetes Clinic at Parkland offering care both in the hospital and in the clinic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize November as **National Diabetes Month**. Let's support the effort to Stop Diabetes!

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 7th day of November, 2017.

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner District 1

County Judge

Mike Cantrell
Commissioner District 2

John Wiley Price Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner District 3 Commissioner District 4