Resolution

ORDER NO:

2017-0924

DATE: August 1, 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 1ST day of August, 2017 on a motion made by <u>Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1</u>, and seconded by <u>Dr. Elba Garcia</u>, Commissioner of District #4 , the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month, an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, local and state health departments, national immunization partners, healthcare professionals, community leaders from across the United States, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have worked together through NIIW to highlight the positive impact of vaccination on the lives of infants and children, and to call attention to immunization achievements; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that through immunization, we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine preventable diseases before they reach the age of two. Vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases. In the 1950's, nearly every child developed measles. Today, many practicing physicians have never seen a case of measles;

WHEREAS, The Preventive Health Division at Dallas County Health and Human Services is committed to ensuring quality assurance to all by servicing any child below the age of 18 at any of their six Immunization Clinics located throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, The National Immunization Survey has consistently shown that childhood immunization rates for vaccines routinely recommended for children remain at or near record levels. The U.S Department of Health and Human Services suggests that we protect our future generations by ensuring that our children receive their vaccines in order to prevent diseases like Varicella, Influenza, Hepatitis A&B, Measles, Mumps, Polio, and a few others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioner Court join in the designation of August 2017 as **National Immunization Awareness Month** and urges all citizens of Dallas County to recognize the importance of immunizations.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes the Preventative Health Division at Dallas County Health and Human Resources for their efforts toward prevention education and extraordinary care to the children of Dallas County.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 1ST day of August, 2017.

John Wiley Price

Commissioner, District

Clay Lewis Jenkins

County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel

Commissioner, District 1

Dr. Elba Garcia

Commissioner, District 4

Mike Cantrell

Commissioner, District 2