Resolution

ORDER NO. 2017-1625

DATE: December 19, 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 19th day of December 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, The Dallas County Commissioners Court strives to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bruce Buchanan, Associate Pastor for Community Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas and Executive Director of The Stewpot, a resource center for the homeless, has faithfully yet, humbly served his community for over 30 years to help advocate and provide services that will forever impact lives; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Buchanan has continued to evolve as an agent for hope and change, working tirelessly and without much fanfare. Under his leadership The Stewpot has served in excess of 30,000 unique individuals and served more than 3,000,000 meals to the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Buchanan started with The Stewpot in May of 1987, where he has developed resources to meet the daily essential needs of the homeless. Rev. Buchanan has also met some of the "not so obvious needs" of the community, such as keeping an oil can in his office to help clients in wheel chairs maintain their wheel chairs. He has even been known to shop at garage sales for wedding rings for those clients whose weddings he has officiated; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Buchanan has also fostered a passion for hope through many creative and empowering programs and opportunities, including, The Stewpot Dental Clinic, The Stewpot Identification Program, Annual Talent Contests, Community Ministry Scholarship Program, Community Concerts, The Stewpot Community Court for the Homeless, Community Voice Mail, Second Chance Café, English as a Second Language Classes, and Encore Park. He has provided an opportunity for his friends and clients to develop their own unique gifts, as well as support themselves thorough The Stewpot Art Program; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Rev. Dr. Bruce Buchanan will continue to indulge in his love for art and travel next to his partner and companion of almost 40 years, Carol J. Adams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes that Rev. Dr. Bruce Buchanan's commitment is without equal and his servant-heart has inspired many individuals and organizations to follow his lead.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 19th day of December, 2017.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

Mike Cantrell, District 2

John Wiley Price, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4