BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of October, 2018, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Commissioner of District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, In 2003, the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Department of Homeland Security partnered to declare October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and each year, understanding the importance of cyber security, Dallas County recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security; and

WHEREAS, Technology advances make our lives easier and more connected, we recognize these advances also increase the risk of exposure to constant cyber threats against our personal data, identity, and privacy; and

WHEREAS, This year’s awareness efforts will be comprised of weekly themes intended to educate our citizens of the risks of cyber activities and proper cyber hygiene. Week 1 will address the top consumer cybersecurity concerns, provide simple steps to protect against these concerns, and help the public understand what to do if they fall victim to cybercrime. Week 2 will showcase how organizations can protect against the most common cyber threats. Week 3 will remind citizens that their sensitive, personal information is the fuel that makes smart devices work. Week 4 will encourage students and other job seekers to explore cybersecurity careers. Week 5 will look at cybersecurity in relation to keeping our traffic lights, running water, phone lines, and other critical infrastructure secure; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the National Cyber Security Alliance, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens and employees are encouraged to visit each of their web sites to learn about cyber security and put knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month, recognizing that maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 2nd day of October, 2018.