

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2019-0441

DATE: May 7th, 2019

STATE OF TEXAS §

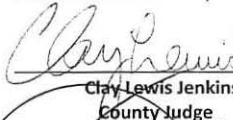
COUNTY OF DALLAS §


**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 7th day of May, 2019, 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 month of May is national Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month focused on the quality of life for people with asthma and allergic diseases through education, advocacy, and research; and
- WHEREAS**, Asthma is the most common chronic condition among children, currently affecting an estimated 6.1 million children under 18 years, of which 3.5 million suffered from an asthma attack or episode in 2016. Asthma is also one of the leading causes of school absenteeism.
- WHEREAS**, In 2016 there were 3,651 deaths attributed to asthma; 169 of them children. According to the Center for Disease Control's 2015 summary of the most recent asthma mortality data, black Americans have a higher death rate than non-Hispanic whites and Hispanics, the total death rate is 49.6 persons per million.
- WHEREAS**, Reducing exposure to environmental factors is important for asthma management. On average, Americans spend about 90 percent of their time indoors. Indoor environmental factors called asthma triggers - such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander and secondhand smoke - can exacerbate asthma symptoms. Since 2012 the City of Dallas revised the minimum housing standards to include provisions addressing air quality and asthma, and worked with Parkland to facilitate health care workers reporting housing code violations to the City.
- WHEREAS**, Children's Health Asthma Management Program is open to all children under 18 diagnosed with asthma living in Dallas and surrounding counties. The program is free and includes education, phone calls with a registered nurse and home visit and assessment by a respiratory therapist. The program's social workers can help find assistance for those unable to pay for medication or other asthma-related needs; and
- WHEREAS**, Since 2011, Shammara Norris, Executive Director of Asthma Chasers, has administered over 4.4 million in asthma treatments and provided education to approximately 3,000 adults, children, and health care professionals. Asthma Chasers primary mission is to diagnose asthma and develop asthma action plans from one of their many mobile auxiliary sites. The mobile sites allow Asthma Chasers to be a consistent beneficial presence within previously under-served communities where asthma is most prevalent; and

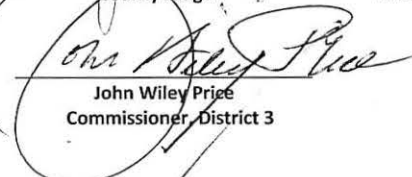
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of May as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and extends gratitude to Children's Health, the City of Dallas and Asthma Chasers for their efforts in educating and treating individuals who suffer from asthma symptoms, and implementing policies to support healthy housing.

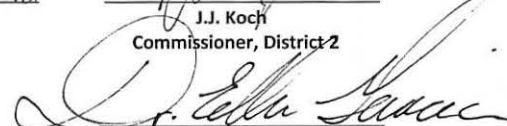
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 7th day of May, 2019.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
J.J. Koch  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4