

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2021-0237

DATE: March 23, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS §

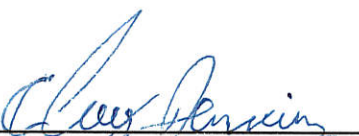
COUNTY OF DALLAS §


BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 23rd day of March 2021 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**, March is **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. We encourage you to join patients, survivors, healthcare workers and caregivers and become an ally against colorectal cancer. Since the COVID-19 pandemic there was a substantial decline in the number of colorectal cancer screenings; and
- WHEREAS**, Colorectal cancer screenings are recommended starting at 50 years old as a preventive measure. Colorectal cancer remains a leading cause of cancer-related death in men and women in the U.S. However, many colorectal cancers can be prevented or effectively treated if caught early; and
- WHEREAS**, Racial disparities exist predominantly in the African America community. African Americans are 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and 40% more likely to die from colorectal cancer than other ethnic groups. Access to health care is only one of the many factors that contribute to the disparity; and
- WHEREAS**, While the number of colorectal cancers is decreasing in the older population, it is increasing in the younger population. It is anticipated that 12% or 18,000 of new cases in 2020 will be in those under 50. The passing of actor Chadwick Boseman from colorectal cancer at the age of 43 put a spotlight on this medical trend; and
- WHEREAS**, It is projected that 149,500 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in 2021, about 52,890 will die from colorectal cancer, and the young onset will continue to rise. Clearly, the fight against colorectal cancer and other cancers is not over. Encourage your family, friends or yourself to talk with doctors about getting a colorectal screening and creating a plan for care.

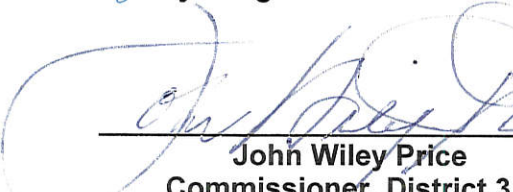
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court joins in the designation of March 2021 as **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** and urges all citizens of Dallas County to recognize the importance of colorectal cancer screenings in fighting this deadly disease. Show your support by wearing blue ribbons and participating in community events and outreach programs to help increase awareness and promote screening options.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 23rd day of March 2021.


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