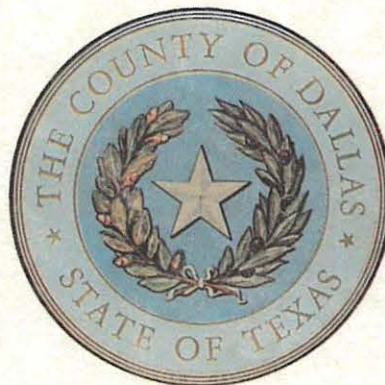


Resolution



ORDER NO. 2022-0572

DATE: JUNE 7, 2022

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 June 2022 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1 and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month commemorating the rebellion at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. The rebellion began on June 28, 1969 in opposition to police harassment and what followed marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are LGBTQ+ live in every neighborhood in Dallas County, and are from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, employment fields and political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, The fight for equality has taken many paths. A significant one is through the legal system. *One, Inc. v. Olesen (1958)*, was the first U.S. Supreme Court case that involved gay rights, marked a triumphant moment for the emerging liberation movement establishing the right to free speech. In *Romer v. Evans (1996)* the Supreme Court ruled that laws couldn't single out LGBTQ+ people to take away their rights. In *Lawrence v. Texas (2003)*, Justice Kennedy delivered the decision stating that "[l]iberty presumes an autonomy of self that includes freedom of thought, belief, and expression" and that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment protects "the full right to engage in private conduct without government intervention" "into the individual's personal and private life." In *United States v. Windsor (2013)* the Supreme Court ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act violates due process and equal protection principles; and

WHEREAS, This month we celebrate the 7th anniversary of the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling issued June 26th, 2015, where the Supreme Court held that same-sex couples are guaranteed the fundamental right to marriage on the same terms and conditions as different sex couples under the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the leaked draft of the Supreme Court's intention to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the draft's provocative rhetoric is generating concern that LGBTQ+ advances and other matters based on the right to privacy could be vulnerable. Cases like *Lawrence v. Texas*, and *Obergefell v. Hodges*, are based at least in part on that same right to privacy. The draft opinion also signals that the court is willing to disturb significant legal precedent which could have consequences beyond the immediate overturning of the decision; and

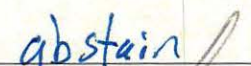
WHEREAS, Attorneys for LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations say that if the language is final, it opens a Pandora's box for rolling back some of the most fundamental American rights guaranteed in the 14th Amendment. As proof of the current contentious climate, the last Texas legislative session saw an unprecedented number of over 75 of anti-LGBTQ+ bills filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dallas County is committed to being supportive and welcoming of the LGBTQ+ community. And the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Dallas County.

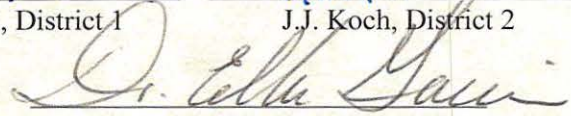
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 7th day of June 2022.


Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1


J.J. Koch, District 2


John Wiley Price, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4