

# Resolution



ORDER NO:2022-1234

DATE: November 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, 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**, November is Youth Homelessness Awareness Month, and National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is the week before Thanksgiving each year as this is a time for us all to think about what we are thankful for. This is a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, and work toward a world where no one has to experience hunger or homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that over the course of a year, approximately 550,000 unaccompanied youth and young adults up to age 24 experience a homelessness episode; more than half are under the age of 18. The majority are runaways, have been asked to leave their homes, have fallen victim to the nation's high poverty rate, lack of affordable housing, the challenges of single parenting, racial discrimination, gender identity and sexual orientation disparities, or traumatic experiences, such as domestic violence; and

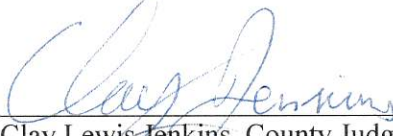
**WHEREAS**, The Housing Forward 2022 point-in-time count revealed 4,410 individuals experiencing homelessness with 90.6% of those individuals being in Dallas County and 16.9% being under the age of 24. Community trends show that since 2019 there has been a 29% decrease in veteran homelessness, 89.3% increase in chronic homelessness, family homelessness has seen a steady increase. The homeless service system performance in 2021 showed 30% of unhoused individuals were exiting from homeless services to permanent housing, with an average of 100 days that people experienced homelessness and 78% of individuals remained housed after 2 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The solutions to homelessness are bigger than any of us and we must resolve to work together. As the holidays approach, many choose to donate some of their time, attention, and resources to others. As temperatures are dropping, there is no better time than now to think about the impact of providing food and shelter for those in need; and

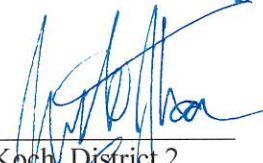
**WHEREAS**, In 2020 the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority opened "The Living Room" in southern Dallas to help people with mental illness smoothly transition from institutionalization to the community. In addition, with Community Partners, Dallas County opened the new Deflection Center at Homeward Bound that will help people experiencing a mental health issue to "deflect" from jail and into treatment. There are numerous Dallas County efforts to use relief funds to build capacity and new housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim November 2022 as **Youth Homelessness Awareness Month** and November 12-20, 2022 as **National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week**. We encourage all residents to take action and recognize that all persons experiencing homelessness should have access to affordable housing, education, health care, employment, income, and other opportunities and services that allow all to live with dignity.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 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