Resolution

ORDER NO. 2022-0149

DATE: February 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 15th day of February 2022, on a motion made by <u>Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1</u>, and seconded by <u>Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4</u>, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS,

The Dallas County Commissioners Court takes special notice to those in public service who have gone above and beyond their duties to serve their communities. The Honorable Dr. Carrie Gordon, Mayor of Balch Springs is such an individual with an impressive list of accomplishments and honors; and

WHEREAS,

Dr. Carrie Gordon continues to make historical strides in the North Central Texas region. She became the first woman to be appointed as Mayor, and now the first woman to run unopposed as a Mayoral candidate in Balch Springs' history. Mayor Gordon was the first woman to serve on the Star Transit Board of Directors, where she now serves as the Vice Chair. She was recently elected to serve as Vice President of the prestigious Metroplex Mayors Association, and named Chairwoman of the Foremost Family Health Centers Board of Directors in Dallas and Balch Springs; and

WHEREAS,

Prior to the milestones noted above, Dr. Gordon was the first Black female City Administrator for the City of Wilmer, TX; first Black female Planning and Zoning Commission Chair for the City of Balch Springs; and Chair of the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, which led to her political career leap. During her early tenure, Dr. Gordon was the first Black female Mayor in the North Central Texas region where she successfully served as Balch Springs' first Black female Mayor for three consecutive terms, from 2009-2015; and

WHEREAS,

With the unyielding support of Former Texas Senator Bob Duelle, Barbara Bollwares-Wells, Esq., and Ed Morris, Former Balch Springs Chief of Police & City Manager, Mayor Gordon spearheaded and skillfully consolidated the Dallas County Water Control and Improvement District No. 6 to open the doors of opportunity for economic growth witnessed then and now. Dr. Gordon was also the first Black female Urban Planner hired in the City of Dallas Planning & Development Department in the early 90's, where her permanent marks are witnessed in the areas of planning, zoning, numerous area plans, as Board of Adjustment Administrator, etc. until her retirement after 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS,

Most recently, she was sworn in for another term as Mayor of Balch Springs in a ceremony on May 20, 2020, conducted at the Veterans Memorial Park. Dr. Gordon has continuously and diligently contributed to making and maintaining positive changes in her community; and

WHEREAS,

In celebration of diversity and creating inclusive communities, her initiatives are exemplary and represent a trailblazing model of stellar advancement as she continues to build day after day and not just in the month of February. No matter what she does or for whom she does it, the Honorable Dr. Carrie Gordon does so with integrity and with a commitment to excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize and honor the Mayor of Balch Springs, Honorable Dr. Carrie Gordon, for her accomplishments and faithful service.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 15th day of February, 2022.

Clay Lewis Jenkins

County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel

District 1

John Wiley Price

District 3

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J.J. Koch

District 2

Dr. Elba Garcia District 4