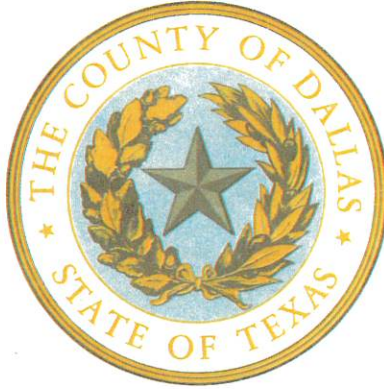


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BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th day of September 2022, on a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District No. 1 and seconded by Commissioner John Wiley Price, District No. 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS**, During National Recovery Month, we celebrate the millions of Americans who have achieved recovery and reaffirm our commitment to helping more Americans overcome substance use disorder and reach recovery. Recover is for everyone because it benefits everyone. In recovery, we build new connections to ourselves, our families, and our communities. We are all called to end gatekeeping and welcome everyone to recovery by lowering barriers to recovery support, creating inclusive spaces and programs, and broadening our understanding of what recovery means for people with different experiences; and
- WHEREAS**, We also support those who are still struggling to achieve recovery and dedicate ourselves to overcoming these challenges together. This year's theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community," emphasizes that recovery is possible for all Americans. We honor the many pathways to recovery and will support individuals and their families at every step along their journey, in whatever form it takes. This observance serves as a reminder that we empower communities and families when we engage in healing that extends beyond the individual. People can and do recover every day; and
- WHEREAS**, The work ahead includes making treatment and recovery support services accessible to all Americans. The American Rescue Plan delivered nearly \$4 billion to strengthen and expand mental health and substance use disorder services. With those funds, we can al continue to work to expand employment opportunities for people in recovery and foster the development of recovery-ready workplace policies and cultures. Helping those in recover to attain economic opportunity and mobility will not only improve their well-being but also benefit our Nation as a whole. These investments will lay the foundation upon which more Americans – of all background and in every community – can build a maintain long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS**, The Recovery Research Institute reports that 11.1% or approximately 27.5 million adults in the United States admit to a substance use problem in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS**, 74.8% reported that they were in recovery or recovered from their substance use problem, translating to approximately 20.5 million adults in the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, In 2020, 17.3% of adolescents aged 12 to 17 (or 4.2 million people) received mental health services in a specialty setting. Although, 14.9% of people aged 12 or older 9or 41.1 million people) were classified as needing substance use treatment in the past year. Mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS**, Black people had the largest percentage increase in deaths from 2019 to 2020, a jump of 49%. Death rates for all four racial and ethnic groups studied, including whites, climbed higher in 2020 than in any single year prior, per researchers; and
- WHEREAS**, The State of Texas has languished behind others in sufficiently finding recovery programs, private and public, which creates backlogs in county jails across the state and creates billions of dollars in burdensome spending in larger counties like Dallas County; and
- WHEREAS**, **Recovery Month** brings attention to and improves the lives of citizens with mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about the effective available services; and
- WHEREAS**, While opportunities for recovery should be available for everyone, those with substance use disorders in racially-diverse, Tribal, rural, and other underserved communities often lack access to the support services that they need to receive treatment and sustain their recovery. Research also shows that a treatment gap lingers between people of color and their white neighbors. People of color not only have less access to support services for addiction but are also subject to harsher penalties when addiction leads to interaction with the criminal justice system. To address this, we are working towards a Government-wide approach to advancing equity, including in our criminal justice approaches to drug policy; and

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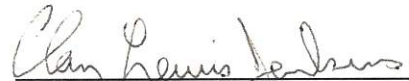


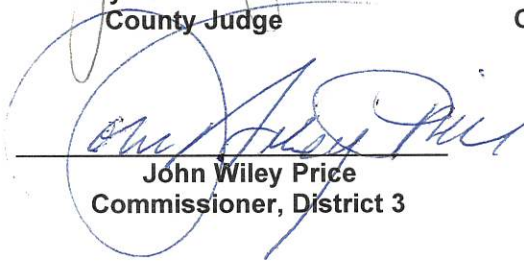

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WHEREAS, During National Recovery Month, we also honor the incredible contributions from communities within recovery as groups connect and implement resources that serve their unique needs. The powerful bonds built in recovery are life-altering. As always, we celebrate the resilience and courage of the recovery community, which serves as a reminder that recovery is possible for everyone. The celebration will continue at the Big Texas Rally for Recovery on September 17, 2022. This family friendly recovery event is a tangible representation of the sound of recovery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 2022 as National Recovery Month and recognizes the “Big Texas Rally for Recovery” as they remind us that recovery programs are essential to public safety and law enforcement strategies. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to take action to promote recovery and improve the health of our Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local programs like the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction and others like it continue to serve the great need we see in Dallas County.

DONE IN OPEN BOARD MEETING this 6th day of September 2022.

 _____ Clay Lewis Jenkins County Judge	 _____ Dr. Theresa Daniel Commissioner, District 1	 _____ JJ Koch Commissioner, District 2
 _____ John Wiley Price Commissioner, District 3		 _____ Dr. Elba Garcia Commissioner, District 4