

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2022-0808

DATE: AUGUST 16, 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 16th day of August, 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, The Dallas County Commissioners Court joins the nation and the community in recognizing Women's Equality Day 2022. On August 26, 1920, U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby signed a proclamation to certify the ratification of the 19th amendment that prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on gender. Texas was the ninth state of the Union, to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment; and


WHEREAS, Women of diverse backgrounds continue to arduously fight to ensure that women's voices are heard. Even today, more than 100 years since the anniversary of Women's Equality Day, women of the United States continue to be treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Women could run for office before they could vote, so that today voters continue to elect women to represent them in significant governmental decision making and support them in having a seat at the table. In Dallas County, two women currently serve as County Commissioners, 40% of the 5 members. Five women serve on the Dallas City Council, only 36% of the fourteen council members and in the Garland City Council only 22%, two of nine seats, are filled by women. On the other hand, women represent 85% of the Balch Springs City Council with five of the seven members being female; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 International Women's Day theme is "#BreakTheBias." The "BreakTheBias" campaign calls upon communities across the world to call out acts of bias against women. Acts of bias against women continue the community, in the workplace, the home, and in school. Women's rights are challenged every day. As long as acts of bias and violence continue towards women, we are not done yet.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2022 as **Women's Equality Day** in Dallas County. Dallas County joins the nation in celebrating women everywhere – mothers, daughters, spouses, sisters, friends, essential workers. We call on the entire community to join women in support of women's rights.


DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 16th day of August, 2022.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


J.J. Koch
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
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