

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2023-0288

DATE: March 21, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS §


COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of March 2023 on 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**, March is **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**, where patients, survivors, healthcare workers and caregivers show their support by wearing blue ribbons and participating in many community events and outreach programs to help increase awareness and promote screening options; and
- WHEREAS**, In 2018 The American Cancer Society indicates that only about 67% of adults of screening age are up-to-date on their colon cancer screening. With the understanding that early detection of colorectal cancer has proven to be an effective lifesaver, the dedicated physicians and staff of the Parkland Primary Care Service have successfully increased the colorectal screening of established patients seen in their service to 76%; and
- WHEREAS**, If the cancer is diagnosed at a localized stage, the survival rate is 91%. If the cancer has spread to surrounding tissues or organs and/or the regional lymph nodes, the 5-year survival rate is 72%. If colon cancer has spread to distant parts of the body the 5-year survival rate is 14%; and
- WHEREAS**, Racial disparities exist predominantly in the African American community. African Americans are 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and 33% more likely to die from colorectal cancer than other ethnic groups. Access to health care is only one of the many factors that contribute to the disparity; and
- WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society estimates that 105,970 new cases of colon cancer and almost 46,050 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed in 2023. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, more than 52,550 people will die from it in 2023. For years, the recommendation was for adults at average risk for colon cancer to start screening at age 50, but the American Cancer Society's guidelines have changed; now adults at average risk should start screening at age 45. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer for men and woman in the United States, affecting people at any age, of all racial and ethnic groups.

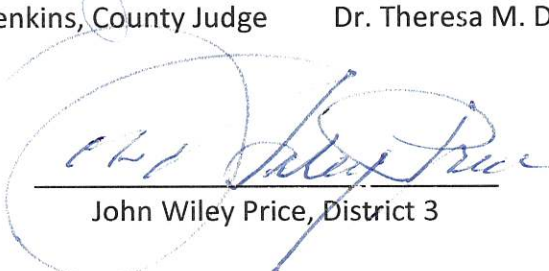
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court joins in the designation of March 2023 as **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** and urges all citizens of Dallas County to recognize the importance of colorectal cancer screenings in fighting this deadly disease.

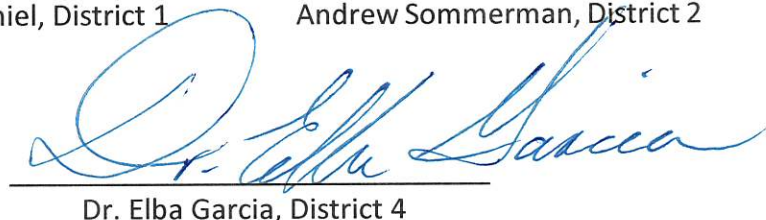
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 21st day of March 2023.


Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1


Andrew Sommerman, District 2


John Wiley Price, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4