

# Resolution



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STATE OF TEXAS §

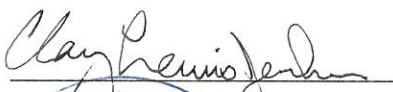
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, 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 month of May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month focusing on the quality of life for people with asthma and allergic diseases through education, advocacy, and research; and
- WHEREAS**, Asthma and allergies are amongst the most common chronic conditions affecting both adults and children. Allergies are the response to how your immune system reacts to a foreign substance. The condition is the sixth leading chronic illness in the United States. In 2021, 67 million adults and 14 million children were diagnosed with seasonal hay fever which is an allergic reaction to pollen from trees, grasses, and weeds. Senior citizens and African Americans have the highest rates of death due to allergic reactions to medicines, food, and unknown allergies. It is also one of the most common health issues affecting children in the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, Asthma, a chronic lung disease that causes wheezing, breathlessness, and tightening of the chest, impacts nearly 26 million people, and it disproportionately affects senior citizens, minorities, and low-income individuals. Additionally, of the 5 million children that are affected with asthma, half of those diagnosed have uncontrolled asthma. The Center for Disease Control estimates that in 2021, 3517 people died due to asthma; and
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County has suffered from a failing ozone pollution grade since 1991, thus, this court remains committed to addressing factors affecting those failing levels and extending our reach to make a safer environment for us all. Dallas County Health and Human Services in collaboration with Parkland Hospital and Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation have created the Pediatric Asthma Surveillance System (PASS) which provides community-based pediatric asthma information within the county. This community dashboard brings together both health and social data that will identify health disparities and predicts children's vulnerability to poor asthma outcomes. It will also be used to strategize community outreach and help to engage parents and caregivers about the program; and
- WHEREAS**, Factors such as systemic racism, socioeconomic status, and biological and behavioral determinants play a major role in those affected with these diseases. Although no cures are available for asthma and allergies, prevention and treatment allow for the management of these illnesses. Dallas County and its partners remain committed to bringing awareness and advocacy to its constituents.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of May as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and extends gratitude to Parkland Hospital, Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation and Dallas County Health and Human Services for their efforts in educating, advocating, acknowledging, and assisting those who struggle with the symptoms of allergies and asthma.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 2nd day of May, 2023.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
Andrew Sommerman  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4