

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2023-0372

DATE: April 4, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



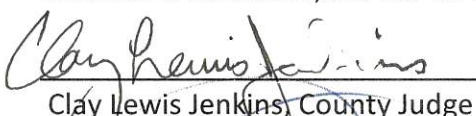
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 4th day of April 2023 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, the following Resolution was adopted:

Child Abuse Prevention Month

- WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect are a public health crisis and community problem, and finding solutions depends upon the involvement of citizens throughout the community. An estimated 182 Texas children, nearly 4 children a week, died from child abuse in Fiscal Year 2022; and
- WHEREAS**, In Dallas County 5,818 children were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect and in Texas 214,062 children, 586 children a day were alleged victims, and 56,944 total Texas children were confirmed child abuse and neglect victims in Fiscal Year 2022; and
- WHEREAS**, In Dallas County, 738 children and 9,623 Texas children were removed from their homes as a result of abuse in Fiscal Year 2022. In Dallas County, 254 children and 5,963 Texas children, as of August 31, 2022, were waiting for adoption; and
- WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect can cause children to have costly social problems such as low-weight births, emergency room visits, and increased involvement in the social welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections systems. Two-thirds of children referred to juvenile delinquency court have some involvement in the social-services system stemming from allegations of abuse, neglect, or dependency and for children with two or more offenses in juvenile court, the percentage increases to 90% who have some social services involvement; and
- WHEREAS**, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed in part because of partnerships created among federal, state and local officials, medical and social service agencies, non-profits, private foundations, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, the business community, volunteers and families. The Dallas County CAPCO (Child Abuse Prevention Coalition) currently includes 70+ representatives from many non-profit organizations, agencies, and programs. That includes representatives from Dallas CASA, Family Compass, United Way, TexProtects, DPFS, Dallas ISD, Community Partners of Dallas, Communities in School, Parkland Hospital, Aetna, Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Lumin Education, Momentous Institute, Family Care Connections, Child Care Group, New Beginning Center, Brighter Tomorrows, Mosaic Services, etc. Additionally, there so many more who work within their communities every day to support families and children in need; and
- WHEREAS**, We recognize that most parents endeavor to be good parents and do not abuse their children. We work together to increase awareness of child abuse and effective prevention programs within the community and to become involved in supporting caregivers to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

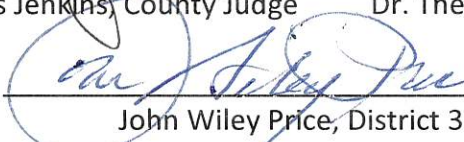
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April 2023, **Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dallas County**. The Commissioners Court of Dallas County together with CAPCO call upon all citizens, legislators, other elected officials, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect. Additionally, all must advocate for child abuse prevention investment, thereby strengthening the health and safety of the citizens in the communities in which we live.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 4th day of April 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