

# Resolution

ORDER NO: 2023-1158

DATE: October 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, October was declared to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month, helping individuals protect themselves online as threats to technology and confidential data become more commonplace. This year's campaign theme, "Secure Our World," demonstrates that comprehensive, ongoing cybersecurity education is vital. We must put knowledge into the hands of the people. It is really all about people; and

**WHEREAS**, "People" refers to our Personal Cyber Hygiene role. According to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), multi-factor authentication, using strong passwords, guarding against harmful (phishing) emails, regularly updating software, and data confidentiality, integrity, and availability are key responsibilities of every individual; and

**WHEREAS**, Personal Cyber Hygiene helps protect against ransomware; malicious software that encrypts files and locks users out of their devices. This month, the IT department will deploy training, present promotions and outreach focused on different areas recommended by CISA, while also building that cyber resiliency muscle which includes the collective, "us"; and

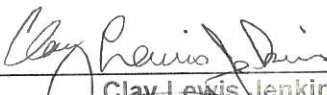
**WHEREAS**, The Chief Information Security Officer develops the proper infrastructure to reduce vulnerabilities because "it's not if, but when". To have better cyber hygiene, the CISO and his team are developing a playbook for employees to better respond to incidents and to have a disaster recovery plan to ensure continuation of Dallas County critical operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Cyber security is critical throughout Dallas County including the protection of health care, criminal justice data, and protecting the integrity of our voting system. The Commissioners Court would like to recognize the IT department team for the consistently amazing work they do to keep our systems safe; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (<https://www.dhs.gov/>), the National Cyber Security Alliance (<https://staysafeonline.org/>), and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (<https://www.cisa.gov/>) have declared October as **Cyber Security Awareness Month**; and all citizens are encouraged to visit each of their web sites to learn more about cyber security and put knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses

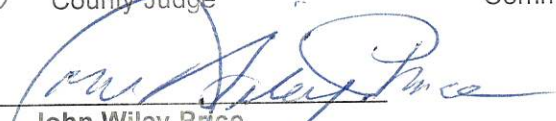
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as **Cyber Security Awareness Month**, recognizing that maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 17th day of October 2023.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
Andy Sommerman  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4