

ORDER NO: 2023-0435

DATE: April 18, 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 18th day of April, 2023, on a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, April has been designated as National County Government Month by the National Association of Counties and is a time to highlight and recognize the work that counties perform day in and day out on behalf of

our residents. A highlight of this month is County Health Day celebrated on April 19, 2023; and

the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create WHEREAS, healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) together with

> Dallas County's public health system, Parkland Health, work tirelessly to identify critical health priorities in the community; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our

residents' lives. Some of the major programs and services offered by DCHHS include immunizations, epidemiology and disease surveillance, chronic disease prevention, social service programs for welfare, housing, weatherization and energy assistance, services for older adults, refugee health services, clinical prevention of tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections, environmental health and restaurant

inspections, and emergency preparedness and bioterrorism surveillance; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health,

wellbeing, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways. Access to transportation is a social determinant of health that affects access to health care; this has spurred activities to expand transportation options to underserved areas. Parkland Health members enrolled in STAR Medicaid qualify for free ride services. Transportation on demand services available in Dallas County may be found by searching social care networks such as 2-1-1, at findhelp.org, or AARP's transportation finder for residents

50+ years at feonix.aarp.org; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County is dedicated to community health and actively promotes vaccination clinics and health

screening events for community residents. Dallas County Health and Human Services and Parkland Health partner to expand access to medical screenings across the county in areas that are underserved. Just a reminder that residents can get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster at their nearest pharmacy or health care

provider, or at any upcoming DCHHS clinic, where they would receive a \$25 Walmart gift card; and

each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to WHEREAS, elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs, and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County do hereby proclaim April 2023 as National County Government Month and April 19, 2023, as County Health Day. We encourage all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to watch for the upcoming press releases regarding county government activities such as upcoming clinics through Dallas County Health and Human Services and Parkland Health Hospital.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 18th day of April 2023.

Clay Lewis Jenkins **County Judge**

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel Commissioner, District 1

Andrew Sommerman Commissioner, District 2

John Wiley Price Commissioner, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia Commissioner, District 4