

# Resolution



ORDER NO. 2023-0237

DATE: March 7, 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 7th 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**, Women's History Month is observed every year in March and is a time to honor women's contributions to American history. President Jimmy Carter, who has been called the greatest ex-President because of how he has lived by his faith and moral code, was the first to issue a Presidential Proclamation in February 1980, declaring the Week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. National Women's History Week would later be extended to a month-long celebration by action of the U.S. Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA), which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." Throughout 2023, the NWHHA will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Some notable examples of women who tell our stories and should be celebrated are: Toni Morrison (author), Maxine Hong Kingston (novelist) Jovita Idar (journalist), Maya Angelou (poet), Gerda Lerner (historian), Gloria Steinem (writer), Winona LaDuke (author), Lillian Hellman (playwright), Willa Cather (author), Gertrude Stein (novelist), Marjory Stoneman Douglas (journalist), Ida B. Wells (journalist), Molly Ivins (columnist), Robin Roberts (broadcaster), Katherine Graham (publisher), Karine Jean-Pierre (White House Press Secretary), Gloria Campos (broadcaster), Clarice Tinsley (broadcaster), and Cynthia Izaguirre (broadcaster), to name a few; and

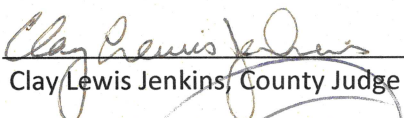
**WHEREAS**, From the earliest storytellers through pioneering journalists, our experiences have been captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers. These include authors, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers throughout time; and

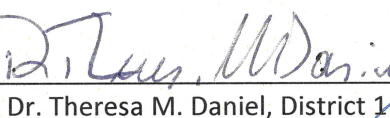
**WHEREAS**, While the right for white women to vote was gained in 1920 via the 19th Amendment, the amendment did not give voting rights to all women. Women of color, immigrants, and lower income women were often deterred from voting by laws and social pressure. It would not be until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law that substantial legal efforts would be made to protect particularly for citizens of color the right to vote; and

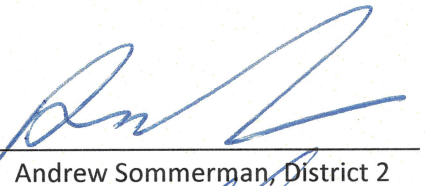
**WHEREAS**, Women continue the fight to be seen and recognized as equals in all aspects of life. Women continue the fight against laws that restrict or take away a woman's freedom of choice to determine what is best for her. Organizations such as the League of Women Voters, Texas Women's Foundation, Dallas Women's March, The Women's Chorus of Dallas, Alliance for Women in Media, and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas provide an amplifying voice, a way for women to share their stories and to empower change for the betterment of all.

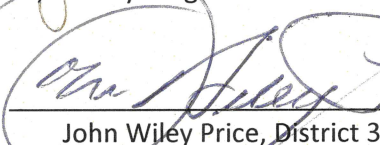
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the residents of Dallas County, we call upon all citizens to observe the month of March as Women's History Month.

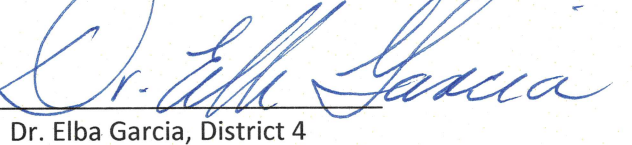
**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

  
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