

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2024-0508

DATE: May 21, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of May 2024 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Andrew Sommerman, Commissioner of District 2 the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, May 2024 is designated as National Treatment Court Month to honor the success and hope restored to the graduates of Treatment Courts and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade Drug Court, established in 1989, served as a pioneering model for specialized courts handling drug-related cases across the U.S. justice system; and

WHEREAS, Treatment Courts serve as a vital partnership between public safety and public health professionals to combat drug abuse and its associated criminal activities, recognized as one of the most effective justice interventions in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Over 4,000 treatment courts nationwide have positively impacted the lives of over 1.5 million individuals, resulting in significant cost savings and improved outcomes in education, employment, housing, family reunification, and healthcare for addicted mothers; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County's first Drug Court, the Dallas Initiative for Expedited Rehabilitation and Treatment (DIVERT) Court, founded by John Creuzot, focused on using the courts to keep individuals engaged in drug treatment and reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County is home to 14 certified adult specialty courts, tailored to the unique strengths and needs of the community, focusing on areas such as Co-Occurring Disorders, Reentry, Mental Health, DWI, Drug, Commercially Exploited Individuals, and Veterans; and

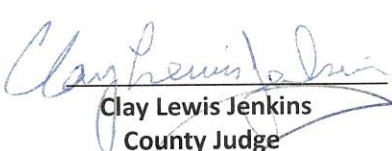


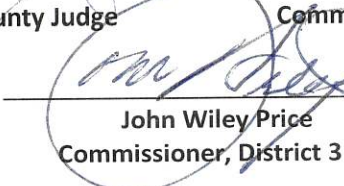

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Specialty Courts 530 Day Celebration on 5/30/2024 is an important event that aims to foster team building, provide training, and recognize the hard work and dedication of specialty courts and our vendor collaborations; and

WHEREAS, The success of Dallas County Specialty Courts is made possible through collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders including the Judiciary, the Dallas County Public Defender's Office, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, the Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, and various community treatment and resource providers.

WHEREAS, In 1995, All Rise, previously known as the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, initiated the sole national conference for treatment court professionals. RISE serves as a platform that brings together leaders in public health and public safety, collaborating to enhance treatment options for individuals with substance use and mental health issues who are engaged in the justice system. Regarded as the leading global conference on addiction, mental health, and justice reform, RISE will be returning to Anaheim, California from May 22-25, 2024. In honor of National Treatment Court Month, select staff members and stakeholders from Dallas County will be showing their support and attending RISE 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Dallas County Commissioners Court declares that a "Treatment Court Month" be established during the Month of May, 2024, in recognition of the practitioners and participants who make treatment courts effective and for the significant contributions that Treatment Courts continue to make, in reducing drug use and crime.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 21st day of May 2024.

 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	