

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2024-0975

DATE: September 17, 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 17th day of September 2024 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, Dallas County remains committed to ensuring that all constituents are free from discrimination and harassment of any form. Dallas County recognizes the significant contributions made by transgender people and affirms that they are vital members of our community; and

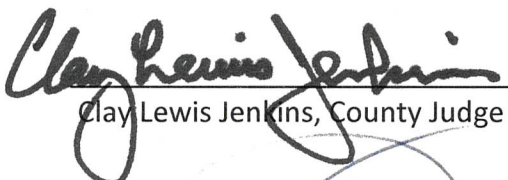
WHEREAS, Transgender people continue to face high levels of discrimination, stigma, and bias that often fuels violence and abuse against this community. Over 100 bills were filed in the 88th Texas Legislature against the transgender community, specifically health-related issues, despite the fact that gender-affirming healthcare has been proven to be evidence-based, medically necessary, and lifesaving by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Endocrine Society, the American Psychiatric Association, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, amongst other institutions; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Segovia, senior field and policy adviser of the Transgender Education Network of Texas, recently stated that "Texas has become one of the most dangerous and hostile places for transgender youth and transgender people and their families in America." Recently the State of Texas has tried to restrict or ban transgender residents from changing their gender markers on a Texas Drivers License despite having a court order to do so. Soon after, the State of Texas also banned court orders for correcting gender on birth certificates. The State of Texas is also suing the federal government to block the provision of necessary gender-affirming healthcare by federally funded healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court is committed to the protections offered under the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. We recognize that creating a welcoming county for LGBTQ+ individuals and families would encourage LGBTQ+ residents seeking an affirming place to live, and who may be coming from hostile environments, to find safety and put down roots in Dallas County.

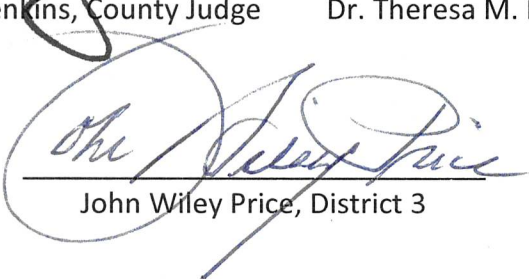
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dallas County Commissioners Court, does hereby reaffirm our commitment to equal protection and freedom from discrimination on the basis of sex, including our commitment to ensuring LGBTQ+ individuals are free from discrimination, whether by individuals, businesses, or governments. And, we call upon the Texas State Legislature to codify these protections and refrain from restricting these rights. We further call for the United States Congress to pass the Equality Act that prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity with respect to businesses, employment, housing, federally funded programs, and other settings.

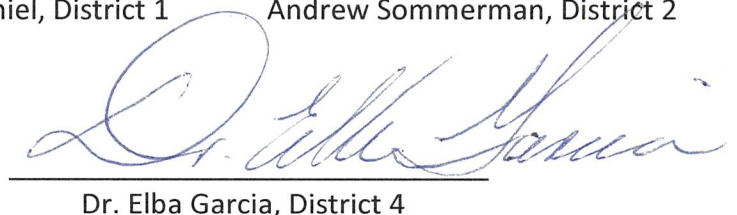
DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 17th day of September, 2024.


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