

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2024-0153

DATE: February 20, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on 20th day of February 2024, on a 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, Each year we observe the month of February as American Heart Month, with the knowledge that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Heart disease costs the United States about \$407.3 billion annually from 2018 to 2019. This includes the cost of health care services, medicines, and lost productivity due to death; and

WHEREAS, One person dies every 33 seconds in the United States from cardiovascular disease. This means about 695,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that's 1 in every 5 deaths. Likewise, heart disease was the leading cause of death in the United States in 2021; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association (AHA), through its science-based knowledge, is empowering people, communities, and organizations to build a sustainable culture of health. To support the health impact goal of helping all Americans improve their cardiovascular health, the AHA encourages employers to create a healthy work environment and promote a healthy lifestyle for their employees; and

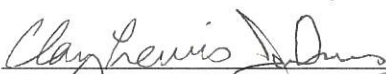
WHEREAS, Dallas County recently enacted a Nutrition and Procurement Policy, with the intent of improving the nutritional quality of food sold or provided in vending machines. This helps reduce the impact of diet-related diseases, supports people in making healthy eating choices, and will support a more productive, healthier workforce for the over 6,500 individuals employed by the County; and

WHEREAS, Parkland has implemented integrated practice units (IPU) for patients with congestive heart failure to expand therapies, optimize and enhance the care it provides to this population, with a comprehensive range of services from dedicated multidisciplinary teams. Parkland has earned the American Heart Association's Gold Awards demonstrating the highest levels of care quality to patients with myocardial infarction (heart attack) and heart failure, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Parkland has developed an ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) program, a form of technology which provides life support for people with life-threatening illness or injury that affects the function of their heart or lungs, and already account for dozens of lives saved as observed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court with its focus on public health does hereby recognize Heart Health Month, February 2024. We wish Dallas County residents good heart health and prosperity in 2024.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 20th day of February, 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