

# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2024-1267

DATE: November 19, 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 19th day of November 2024, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1, and seconded by, John Wiley Price Commissioner District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

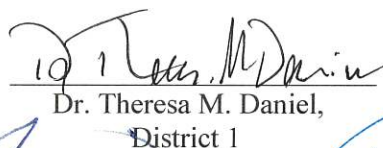
## *National Adoption Day*

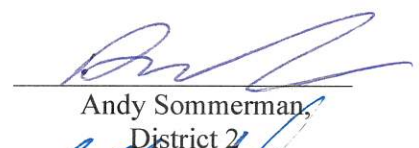
- WHEREAS**, November is National Adoption Awareness Month and includes a collective, national effort by advocates, practitioners and policymakers to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children living in foster care waiting for permanent and loving families; and
- WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Child Welfare Board, whose mission is to support a network of volunteers concerned with the welfare of children, wishes to celebrate the love and generosity of adoptive families and to appreciate the work of those who help find and support permanent and loving families for children who are in protective care and cannot safely return home; and
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County established its annual adoption month celebration in the year 2000 with the assistance of former Commissioner Mike Cantrell and continued with Commissioner Theresa Daniel. Since its inception, more than 1,500 Dallas County children in foster care have been adopted by their forever families as part of National Adoption Month. In fiscal year 2023, 195 adoptions of Dallas County children in state protective care were consummated after an average of 28 months spent in foster care; while at year-end, 1,212 Dallas County children remained in protective care; and
- WHEREAS**, During fiscal year 2023, the Dallas County Adoption Preparation Unit worked to select adoptive families and prepare them and the children for the realities of adoption. Profiles of children are broadcast on the Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE) and featured on Wednesday's Child; and
- WHEREAS**, At the end of fiscal year 2023, 206 Dallas County children were waiting to be adopted; and during the year 66 children aged out of foster care without a permanent home; and
- WHEREAS**, Nationally, more than 108,000 children are waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States, and National Adoption Day has recognized more than 85,000 children moving from foster care to a permanent family since 2000.

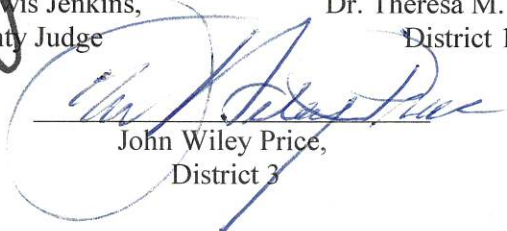
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, do hereby recognize and celebrate **National Adoption Month**. We appreciate the caseworkers, Dallas CASA staff and child advocates, and the courts who work to create permanency for children in foster care. Additionally, we appreciate the policymakers, practitioners and advocates who work to finalize adoptions and create and celebrate adoptive families.

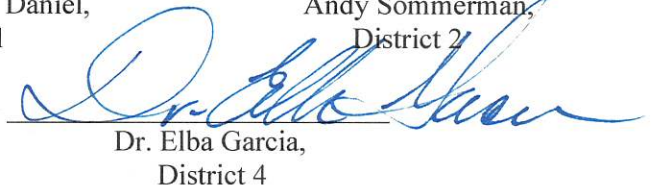
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 19th day of November 2024.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins,  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel,  
District 1

  
Andy Sommerman,  
District 2

  
John Wiley Price,  
District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia,  
District 4