

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2025-0409

DATE: April 15, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 15th day of April, 2025, with 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, Dallas County recognizes the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month. During this time, we aim to raise awareness about autism and honor those and their outstanding commitment in supporting those individuals with autism; and

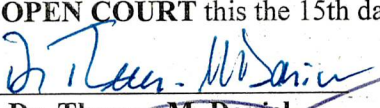
WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects a person's communication, behavior, and social interactions. The Center for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network estimates the prevalence of autism is 1 in 36 children with the prevalence in boys being four times higher than that of girls. In 2020 there was also a shift in prevalence of ASD among races with Asian/Pacific Islander at 33.4%, Black at 29.3%, Hispanic at 31.6% , and White children at 24.3% ; and

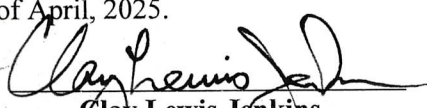
WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control is currently conducting the SEED (Study to Explore Early Development) Research which began in 2007 as one of the largest on-going studies of young children with ASD in the United States. The research looks at the risk factors and developmental characteristics for Autism Spectrum Disorder and has studied children from the age of 2. The research was expanded in 2021 to better understand how ASD has impacted those children and has followed their growth and progress into adolescence over the years. The study is currently in the follow up stages and data has been collected since 2023 and will continue into 2026; and

WHEREAS, Metrocare serves as the Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority for Dallas County providing wrap around services, programs, and coordination for those seeking assistance. Their autism services include the Center for Children with Autism which services children aged 2 to 12. These services include assessments, Applied Behavior Analysis, therapy, and parental training by a highly qualified Autism Treatment Specialist. Metrocare provides services from childhood to adulthood ensuring that each person's needs are met, and their family is supported.

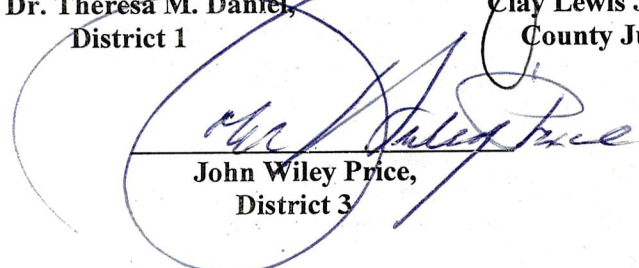
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of April as National Autism Acceptance Month in support of the continued effort to raise awareness and improve services for individuals on the autism spectrum.

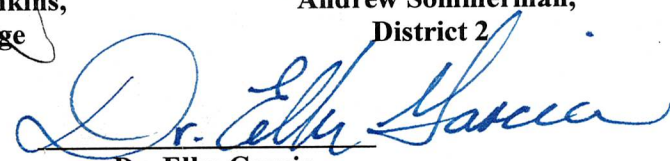
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 15th day of April, 2025.


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel,
District 1


Clay Lewis Jenkins,
County Judge


Andrew Sommerman,
District 2


John Wiley Price,
District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia,
District 4