

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2026-0053

DATE: January 20th, 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 20th day of January 2026, 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, poverty continues to be a critical issue affecting individuals, families, and communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as **National Poverty Awareness Month**, a time dedicated to increasing public understanding of the causes, impacts, and solutions related to poverty; and

WHEREAS, poverty impacts more than income alone and is often accompanied by barriers to safe and affordable housing, access to healthcare, nutritious food, quality education, transportation, and sustainable employment; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, **approximately 14 percent of Dallas County residents live below the federal poverty level**, representing **more than 350,000 individuals** across the county; and

WHEREAS, poverty disproportionately affects children and families, with nearly one in five children in Dallas County living in poverty, placing them at increased risk for food insecurity, housing instability, and educational disparities; and

WHEREAS, economic hardship is not evenly distributed throughout Dallas County, as certain communities—particularly in historically underserved areas—experience significantly higher poverty rates, highlighting ongoing inequities and the need for targeted solutions; and

WHEREAS, households led by single parents, seniors on fixed incomes, individuals with disabilities, and residents facing underemployment are especially vulnerable to economic instability; and

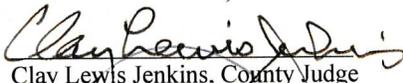
WHEREAS, Dallas County, through its investments in health and human services, affordable housing initiatives, workforce development, and community partnerships, plays a critical role in addressing the root causes of poverty and promoting economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, recognizing National Poverty Awareness Month reinforces Dallas County's commitment to collaboration with municipalities, nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and community stakeholders to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of January as National Poverty Awareness Month in Dallas County; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court encourages residents, community partners, and public and private organizations to engage in efforts that raise awareness and support families in need.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this be the 20th day of January 2026.


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