

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2026-0003
DATE: January 6, 2026
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th 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, National Blood Donor Month is an annual observance that takes place each January in the United States, dedicated to honoring voluntary blood donors and raising awareness of the critical need for blood donations. This initiative was established by President Richard Nixon in 1970 to help stabilize the nation's blood supply during the challenging winter months.

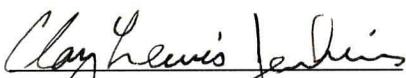
WHEREAS, the significance of blood donations is unwavering. It is reported that every two seconds, an individual in the United States requires blood for a variety of medical needs, including surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Importantly, blood and its components—such as red cells, platelets, and plasma—cannot be manufactured artificially; the sole source is volunteer donors. Furthermore, a single blood donation can be separated into its components, potentially saving up to 3 lives. Currently, only about 3% of eligible Americans donate blood.

WHEREAS, the need for blood is constant in the United States, with an individual requiring blood every few seconds. Annually, more than 4.5 million Americans would face life-threatening outcomes without lifesaving blood transfusions. National Blood Donor Month serves as a reminder of these critical statistics. According to the American Journal of Epidemiology, blood donors exhibit an 88% reduced likelihood of experiencing a heart attack.

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Red Cross and America's Blood Centers utilize National Blood Donor Month to encourage new donors while expressing gratitude to existing contributors. Individuals can make a significant impact by donating blood. It is recommended that one locate a local blood drive or donor center and schedule an appointment. The donation process is safe, requires about one hour, and includes a brief health assessment to monitor pulse, blood pressure, and iron levels before donation.

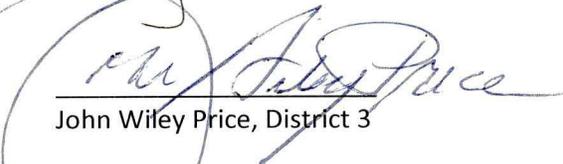
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize the month of January as **National Blood Donor Awareness Month** and affirms that Dallas County and its partners remain committed to bringing awareness and advocacy about this significant health risk and its treatment to our residents.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 6th day of January, 2026.


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