Resolution

ORDER NO. 2026-0377

DATE: April 7, 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 7th day of April 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3 the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Of the 125 Texas children who died from child abuse in Fiscal Year 2025 (September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025), 10 of those children were from Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, Of the 51,985 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas in Fiscal Year 2025, 4,617 of those children were from Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, Of the 10,011 Texas children were removed from their homes as a result of abuse and neglect in Fiscal Year 2025, 835 of those children were from Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, Of the 3,805 Texas children waiting for adoption on August 31, 2025, 157 of those children were from Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, There is a cost to child abuse and neglect, such as low birthweight, increased emergency room visits, behavioral health issues, and children becoming system-involved; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a public health crisis and a community issue; finding solutions depends upon the involvement of citizens throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, We believe child abuse and neglect can be prevented; the most effective way to protect children is by supporting the adults in their lives – parents and informal and formal kinship caregivers; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of child abuse and effective prevention programs within the community and become involved in supporting parents and other caregivers to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed in part because of partnerships created among federal, state and local officials, medical and social service agencies, non-profits, private foundations, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, the business community, volunteers and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, do hereby proclaim **April 2026, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN DALLAS COUNTY,** and additionally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County together with the **Child Abuse Prevention Coalition** call upon all citizens, legislators, other elected officials, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, and advocate for child abuse prevention investment, thereby strengthening the health, safety and productivity of the citizens in the community in which we live.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 7th day of April 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