# Resolution

**ORDER NO: 2026-0772**

**DATE: August 4, 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 4th day of August 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Andrew Sommerman, Commissioner of District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS,** Every individual possesses inherent dignity and value, and the loss of any life to substance overdose is a profound tragedy that reverberates throughout families, neighborhoods, and our entire community; and

**WHEREAS,** National Overdose Awareness Month serves as a solemn reminder of those we have lost, a tribute to the families and loved ones left to grieve, and a call to action to eliminate the stigma surrounding addiction that too often prevents individuals from seeking life-saving help; and

**WHEREAS,** Public health crises of this magnitude require a compassionate, coordinated, and multi-faceted response rooted in evidence-based prevention, accessible treatment, harm reduction strategies, and long-term recovery support; and

**WHEREAS,** Local public health initiatives, including Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS), the Overdose Response Team, and regional behavioral health partners, work tirelessly to expand access to life-saving interventions such as naloxone, empower bystanders with emergency response tools, and maintain critical local resources like the Dallas County Overdose Prevention Hotline (214-590-4000); and

**WHEREAS,** The Dallas County Criminal Justice Department, in vital partnership with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Health and Human Services, the judiciary, the Sheriff's Department, Parkland Health and Hospital System, and community advocates, works to expand access to naloxone to help prevent fatal overdoses, including ongoing distribution efforts at the Frank Crowley Courthouse and the Dallas County Jail. The Dallas County Criminal Justice Department collaborates with Parkland Correctional Health, as they actively confront the substance use crisis within the justice system by supporting and advancing the in-jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for individuals in the Dallas County Jail; and

**WHEREAS,** August 31 is recognized globally as International Overdose Awareness Day, providing a dedicated moment to unite in remembrance, honor the grief of families and friends, and pledge continued action toward a future free from preventable overdose deaths. By standing together in education, empathy, and action throughout the month of August and concluding with International Overdose Awareness Day, we reaffirm our commitment to building a healthier, safer environment where every person has the support they need to thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Dallas County Commissioner's Court does hereby proclaim **August 2026 as National Overdose Awareness Month** and specifically highlight **August 31, 2026, International Overdose Awareness Day**. We urge all residents, community organizations, healthcare providers, and businesses to observe this month and day by raising awareness of overdose prevention, supporting local recovery resources, and extending compassion and dignity to all those affected by substance use.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 4th day of August 2026.

**Clay Lewis Jenkins**
**County Judge**

**Dr. Theresa Daniel**
**Commissioner, District 1**

**Andrew Sommerman**
**Commissioner, District 2**

**John Wiley Price**
**Commissioner, District 3**

**Dr. Elba Garcia**
**Commissioner, District 4**