Resolution

ORDER NO. 2026-0884

DATE: August 18, 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 18th day of August, 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Commissioner Elba Garcia, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day is observed annually on August 26 to commemorate the certification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting American women the right to vote and marked a defining moment in the advancement of women's rights; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day 2026 marks the 106th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, honoring generations of women whose activism, courage, and leadership transformed American democracy and expanded civic participation for millions; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Women's Equality Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing fight for equal rights, opportunities, and representation for women in all areas of society, including education, employment, healthcare, leadership, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Despite progress, gender disparities persist. According to updated 2026 national and state-level data, women in Texas earn approximately 84 cents for every dollar earned by men, with Black, Latina, Indigenous, and immigrant women facing disproportionate wage gaps, barriers to leadership, and inequitable access to healthcare and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 International Women's Day theme, "Empower Her Future: Equality. Leadership. Opportunity.", emphasizes the global commitment to ensuring women and girls have equal access to education, safety, economic mobility, and leadership pathways, enabling them to be agents of long-term change; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Dallas, through its 2026 theme "Voices Rising: Equality for Every Woman," highlights ongoing gaps in equal pay, reproductive autonomy, maternal health access, childcare affordability, and political representation, urging communities to take meaningful action; and

NOW,THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2026, as Women's Equality Day in Dallas County, encouraging all residents to celebrate women's achievements, uplift women's voices, and recommit to the ongoing work required to achieve full equality for all women and girls. We honor the legacy of those who fought for equality, acknowledge the progress made, and affirm that the work continues-because true equality strengthens families, communities, and the future of Dallas County.

DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 18th day of August, 2026.

Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1

Andrew Sommerman
Commissioner, District 2

John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4