Resolution

ORDER NO. 2026-0635

DATE: June 2, 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 2nd day of June 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Andrew Sommerman Commissioner District 2, motion carried Elba Garcia Absent the following Resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Gun violence continues to take a heavy toll in the United States. In 2024 and 2025, more than 40,000 people died each year from gun related injuries, including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings. Thousands more were wounded. Gun violence remains one of the leading causes of death for children and teens in our country; and

WHEREAS, in Texas, the most recent finalized CDC data shows 4,561 gun deaths in 2023, including homicides, suicides, and other firearm related deaths. Gun violence costs Texans an estimated 51.8 billion dollars each year, which is about $1,724 per resident. These losses affect families, neighborhoods, and the entire state; and

WHEREAS, Dallas continues to feel the impact of gun violence. In 2024, the city recorded 183 murders, most of which involved firearms. This was a decrease from the previous year, but still represents a deep loss for many families. In 2023, Dallas saw 246 homicides, one of the highest totals in recent decades. These numbers show both progress and the continued need for prevention and community support; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties across the nation, including Dallas County, are working to reduce gun violence through proven strategies, community partnerships, and strong public safety efforts. Protecting our residents is one of our most important responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment and the rights of responsible gun owners can exist alongside efforts to keep guns away from people who may harm themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, local leaders, law enforcement officers, and community groups understand their neighborhoods and the challenges they face. They are in the best position to help prevent violence and protect the people they serve. Gun violence continues to affect families and communities across the nation, and the need for prevention efforts remains urgent; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed at the age of 15. On June 5, 2026, people across the United States will honor her life on National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which is held on the first Friday in June. This day also honors all victims of gun violence and the loved ones who carry their memories; and

WHEREAS, we honor the Wear Orange movement, which began with Hadiya Pendleton's friends after they chose the color orange because hunters wear it to stay safe. Orange now represents the value of human life. By wearing orange on June 5, 2026, we join people across the country in raising awareness about gun violence and supporting survivors, families, and communities affect by it; and

WHEREAS, We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence. We support responsible gun ownership and work to keep firearms away from people who should not have them. We strive to protect families and strengthen the safety of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court declares the first Friday in June, June 5, 2026, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Dallas County. All residents are encouraged to support local efforts to prevent gun violence and to honor and value human life.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 2nd day of June 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