Resolution

ORDER NO: 2026 – 0317

DATE: March 17, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on 17 the day of March 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Commissioner John Wiley Price, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the updated statistics for 2026 indicate that approximately one in three adults (33%) in the United States are at risk for kidney disease. Currently, there are seven million individuals living with chronic kidney disease in the United States. Remarkably, 90% of those affected by kidney disease are unaware of their condition. Additionally, over 700,000 individuals in the U.S. are experiencing kidney failure. Tragically, twelve individuals lose their lives each day while awaiting a kidney transplant in the United States ;and

WHEREAS, approximately 70% of rare diseases manifest during childhood; however, 95% of these conditions lack approved treatment options. Children diagnosed with complex kidney disorders frequently require care from highly specialized healthcare providers, which may necessitate seeking treatment in another state. For families who rely on Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), this scenario has often led to significant delays because out-of-state physicians must undergo repeated enrollment and screening procedures ;and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) submitted comments on proposed 2027 Medicare Advantage and Part D changes that could affect people with chronic kidney disease, ESRD, and kidney transplants. Key issues include prescription drug affordability, quality ratings, plan flexibility, and the protection of access to dialysis and transplant care. Learn what these updates could mean for kidney patients and their families ;and

WHEREAS, if you or a loved one is affected by kidney disease, your experience is important. Join Voices for Kidney Health to stay informed, engage with lawmakers, and advocate for policies that enhance care and access. These efforts reflect a strong federal commitment to advancing research, improving early detection, modernizing the transplant system, removing barriers for living donors, and increasing transparency in organ transplantation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court designates March as National Kidney Awareness Month. This resolution supports continued efforts to raise awareness about kidney health and encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and the community to participate in health-conscious activities organized by the county government. DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 17th day of March 2026.

Clay Lewis Jenkins,
County Judge

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John Wiley Price,
District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia,
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