Resolution

ORDER NO: 2026-0588

DATE: May 19, 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 19th day of May 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, According to All Rise, treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, Treatment courts, including drug courts, mental health courts, veterans treatment courts, and family treatment courts, play a vital role in addressing substance use and mental health disorders through a collaborative, evidence-based approach; and

WHEREAS, These courts combine judicial supervision with treatment services, accountability, and community support to address the root causes of criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, Treatment courts provide a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and prison expenditures, increased tax revenues, lowered foster care expenses, and decreased costs related to victimization; and

WHEREAS, According to All Rise, treatment courts significantly improve substance use and mental health disorder treatment outcomes and prevent fatal overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Treatment courts have been shown to significantly reduce recidivism, lower costs to taxpayers, and improve outcomes for participants and their families; and

WHEREAS, Treatment courts rely on the dedication and collaboration of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, treatment providers, law enforcement, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, The success of treatment courts is strengthened by the courage and commitment of participants and their families who work toward recovery and stability; and

WHEREAS, National Treatment Court Month is observed each May to raise awareness of the impact of treatment courts and to celebrate the individuals and professionals who make recovery possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, Dallas County Commissioner's Court does hereby proclaim May 2026 as National Treatment Court Month and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the ongoing efforts of specialty court programs in improving lives and promoting safer, healthier communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-six.

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