

# Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-0575

DATE: May 2, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



IN RECOGNITION OF JURY APPRECIATION WEEK, May 1-7, 2017

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of May, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The 2015 Texas legislature passed SB 565, now Section 662.155 of the Texas Government Code declaring the first week in May as jury appreciation week; and

**WHEREAS**, Trial by jury is of fundamental importance in our system of justice, enshrined in both the Texas and Federal Constitutions; and

**WHEREAS**, The work of juries helps to safeguard our democracy and the liberties we enjoy as citizens of a free society; and

**WHEREAS**, Jury service is so important that the sworn members of a jury panel become officers of the court; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commissioners Court recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and ensures the right to trial by jury in all civil and criminal cases and supports the courts in complying with such legal requirements; and


**WHEREAS**, The Commissioners Court recognizes that to serve on a jury is to exercise one of the most important civic duties in both our state and our nation thereby ensuring and protecting one of the foundations of our democracy and judicial system; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas County is committed to making service on a jury a rewarding and comfortable experience. To that end, Dallas County has recently renovated the Central Jury Room at the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts building and has plans to renovate the Jury Room at the George Allen Civil Courts building. Also, because we value the time of our citizenry, we have also implemented new jury management software to schedule and empanel juries more efficiently; much appreciation to all who are making those initiatives successful.

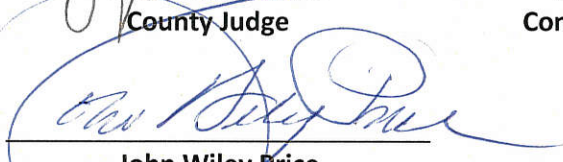
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** The Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas that the first week of May, 1-7, 2017 is hereby recognized as jury appreciation week in recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by those who have served and are currently serving as jurors.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 2nd day of May, 2017.

  
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Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
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Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
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Mike Cantrell  
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