

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2016-0605

DATE: May 17th, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 17th day of May, 2016, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Commissioner of District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, In 1962 President John F. Kennedy and the United States Congress designated the week of May 15th as Police Week and also designated a day to honor the fallen as Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, President Kennedy signed a proclamation stating the week was "*To pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime.*"; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of Dallas County Law Enforcement, and that members of those departments recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama said in his 2013 tribute, "*We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory. That begins, but does not end by gathering here – with heavy hearts, to carve their names in stone, so that all will know them and that their legacy will endure. We are grateful to them and we are grateful to you.*"; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County will honor the 19 fallen Sheriff's deputies who have lost their lives in the line of duty at a memorial service on May 20th. The solemn ceremony will take place in Founders Plaza, at 11:00 a.m. where the heroism and bravery of these officers will be recognized. As we remember, we must also honor the sacrifice of the families and survivors that remain behind to carry the memory of their departed loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does proclaim the week of May 15th-21st as Police Week and calls upon the citizens of Dallas County to commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who have provided a vital service to their community.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 17th day of May, 2016.




Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge




Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1



Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2



John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3



Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4