

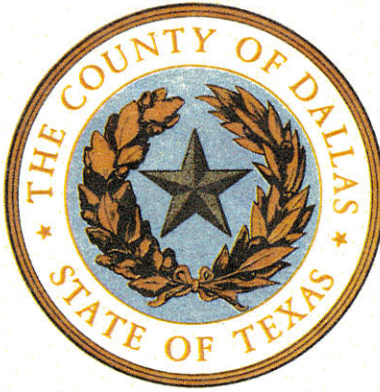
# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2017-1098

DATE: September 5, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 5th day of September, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1, and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Commissioner of District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is largely preventable and, unlike many other health issues, the tools to significantly reduce this most tragic loss of life are available. With collective action to acknowledge and address this serious problem, as well as commitment to effective interventions supported by resources, preventing suicide is within reach; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commissioners Court recognizes suicide as a community public health problem, and suicide prevention as a community responsibility, by designating September 10<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup> as **Suicide Prevention Week** in Dallas County. This week overlaps World Suicide Prevention Day which is recognized internationally and supported by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15-to-34. Suicide is also a leading noncombat cause of death among members of the Armed Forces. It is estimated that five million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one person completes suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in nearly 43,000 suicides each year in the United States and an estimated 90 percent of the individuals who die by suicide have a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of death; and

**WHEREAS**, In Texas, an annual average of 678,000 adults aged 18 or older (3.5% of all adults) in 2014–2015 had serious thoughts of suicide. In Dallas County the highest rates of suicide mortality are in the Desoto/Lancaster, North Dallas and Outer Northeast Dallas service areas; and


**WHEREAS**, Work is being done through organizations such as the **Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition**. The group is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the pain of survivors affected by the suicides of loved ones, through collaboration of services and awareness efforts.

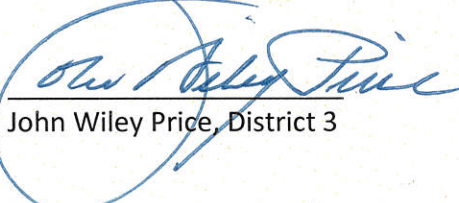
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize September 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> as **Suicide Prevention Week** in Dallas County. We invite all who are able to join the **Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition** and community leaders on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 10:00 am in the Lobby of Dallas City Hall to promote suicide awareness and prevention.


**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 5th day of September, 2017.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

  
Mike Cantrell, District 2

  
John Wiley Price, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4