

Resolution

ORDER NO 2015-0525

DATE: April 21, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



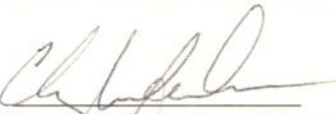
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of April, 2015 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS**, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS**, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, the elderly, victims with mental illness, those with cultural and language barriers, and others; and
- WHEREAS**, The entire community has a role to play; Involving survivors helps victim service providers and criminal justice professionals understand the culture, values, and expectations of under and un-served victims who seek assistance and justice; and
- WHEREAS**, Engaging victims' communities and learning from leaders about their unique needs helps service providers foster a supportive and culturally relevant atmosphere in which victims seek help and healing, and doing so will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS**, Victims know best how to direct and manage their own lives, and true recovery from crime will incorporate a victim's cultural, religious, economic, social, and personal interests. With the full weight of their community and victim service providers behind them, survivors will feel empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and shame, without fear of judgment and will feel understood and worthy of support; and
- WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and
- WHEREAS**, The Commissioners Court of Dallas County is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime, no matter their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2015, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week**, and reaffirm that the Commissioners Court of Dallas County has a commitment to provide a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and

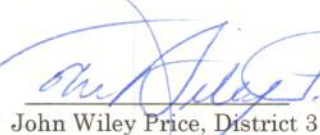
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Dallas County expresses our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

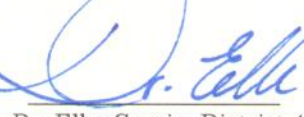
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 21st day of April, 2015.


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