

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2013-1986

DATE: December 17, 2013

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 December, 2013, on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1 and seconded by Dr. Elba García, Commissioner of District #4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, On April 6, 1913 Children's Medical Center began as what was then known as the Dallas Baby Camp when May Foster Smith organized it. For over a century now, the hospital has been dedicated to make life better for sick children and kids with serious illnesses. Today, Children's Medical Center is the fifth-largest pediatric health care provider in the country and the only academically affiliated pediatric hospital in the area; and

WHEREAS, November 2, 2013 marked the 100th anniversary of Pike Park, whose construction began in 1913 and was originally named Summit Park, became the cultural center for all Mexican Americans in Dallas dating back to the 1920s. Located in the center of what once was the Little Mexico barrio, Pike Park hosted all of the major Mexican American cultural and historical celebrations in Dallas from the 1920s through 2010. Pike Park is one of only three historical landmarks for the Mexican American community in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 1963 the Equal Pay Act of 1963 was enacted. The act prohibited sex based wage discrimination between men and women in the same establishment who perform jobs that require substantially equal skill, effort and responsibility under similar working conditions; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 1963 marks fifty years in history after the largest political rally for human rights in United States history where more than 200,000 Americans of all races joined the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Here, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I have a Dream speech"; and


WHEREAS, On October 31, 1963 President John F. Kennedy signed the Community Mental Health Act. The law signaled a shift in thinking about how we care for the mentally ill. Instead of confining them into institutions, the act proposed to create community mental health centers to provide support.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioner Court, we call upon all citizens to observe the year of 2013 recognizing that we draw strength and inspiration from the men and women who fought for the better of today's society and future generations.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 17th day of December, 2013.


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