

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2015-1569

DATE: November 17, 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 17th day of November, 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, The Dallas County Commissioners Court likes to take special notice whenever someone leads with vision and unwavering commitment to Dallas County families and residents; and

WHEREAS, Judge Tena Callahan and Associate Judge Christine Collie of the 302nd Family District Court saw a way to improve the criminal justice system on behalf of families and children in Dallas County. One such improvement was to establish the Legacy Family Court which was proposed to the Dallas County Commissioners Court and approved in November 2011 and officially began operating in May 2012; and

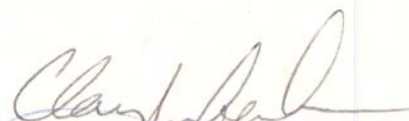
WHEREAS, The purpose of the Legacy Family Court of Dallas County is to bring families back together and help them achieve a new beginning and sense of purpose by committing to supervised recovery and rehabilitation. Families who enter the Department of Families and Protective Services receive systematic support services with the ultimate goal of reunification with their children; and

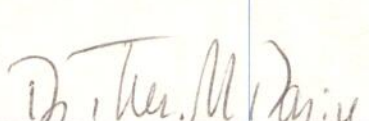
WHEREAS, The first participant of the Legacy Family court was admitted in October 2012. To date, the Legacy Family Court has had a total of twenty-four participants and held four graduations, with three more graduations scheduled to take place in 2015. The Legacy Family Court is pleased that hard work and perseverance has resulted in seven children reunited with their parents; and


WHEREAS, In recognition of their efforts, Judge Tena Callahan and Associate Judge Christine Collie received the "Agent of Change Award" on behalf of the Legacy Family Court of Dallas County. This is an annual award presented from the Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at its annual Power of Prevention Luncheon which occurred on October 22, 2015.

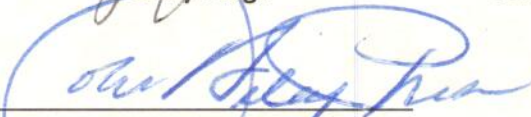
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes the dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers of the Legacy Family Court of Dallas County who continuously work to improve public welfare in the community. Congratulations to the participants of the Legacy Family Court for making a personal commitment and decision to overcome adversity and addiction. May the Legacy Family Court of Dallas County continue to be an "Agent of Change" and guiding light for children, parents and families across Dallas County.

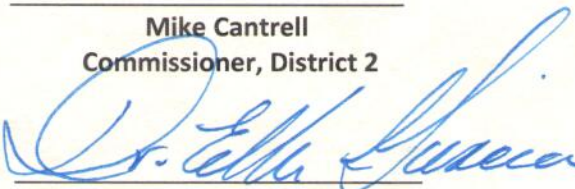
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 17th day of November, 2015.


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