

# Resolution

ORDER NO: 2015-1258

DATE: September 15, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §




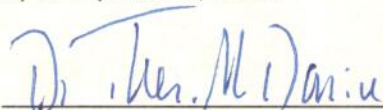
**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

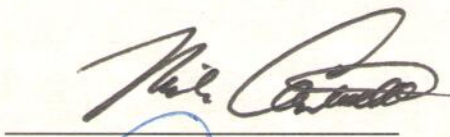
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County Commissioners Court wishes to observe September as **National Recovery Month**, a time for communities across Dallas County and the U.S. to raise awareness and support families and communities in their time of need during mental health and substance use treatment; and
- WHEREAS**, Mental health and substance use disorders affect people from every walk of life throughout the United States. It is estimated that more than 43 million adults, 18 and older, are living with a mental health illness and more than 21 million adults are classified as having a substance dependence disorder; and
- WHEREAS**, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), by 2020, mental health and substance use disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide; and
- WHEREAS**, Research conducted by SAMHSA shows that over extended periods, most people who get into and remain in treatment stop using drugs, decrease their criminal activity, and improve their occupational, social, and psychological functioning. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that addiction alone costs \$700 billion annually in treatment costs, crime and lost productivity; and
- WHEREAS**, We encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health and substance use disorders to recognize the early signs of an illness and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS**, Today, we publicly acknowledge our appreciation to local community leaders, partners and agencies whom together, form the network of recovery services in Dallas County, such as The Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI DALLAS), Mental Health America of Greater Dallas, Nexus Recovery, Homeward Bound, Metrocare Services, Integrated Psychotherapeutic Services (IPS), ABC Behavioral Health, and Salvation Army; and
- WHEREAS**, Our work in the areas of mental health, substance use and recovery is still not done. We as a governmental body and community further acknowledge those efforts to improve the quality of life for persons living with and who are affected by these conditions. At the same time, we acknowledge that there are still gains to be made as long as recovery services fail to be fully integrated into the healthcare system.

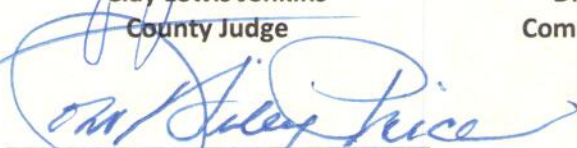
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court joins the nation in the recognition of September as **National Recovery Month** and understands that prevention of mental health and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective and people do recover.

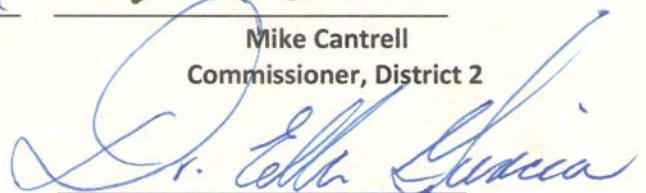
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
Mike Cantrell  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4