

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2015-1209

DATE: September 8, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

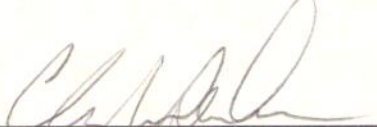
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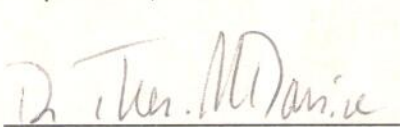
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 8th day of September, 2015, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

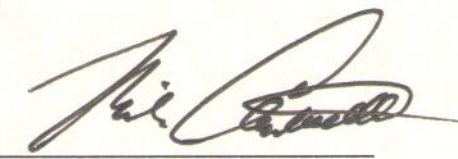
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County Commissioner Court recognizes suicide as a community public health problem, and suicide prevention as a community responsibility by designating September 6, 2015 – September 12th, 2015 as **Suicide Prevention Week** in Dallas County. This week overlaps the World Suicide Prevention Day that is recognized internationally and supported by the World Health Organization; and
- WHEREAS**, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States with one suicide occurring on average every 12.8 minutes. It is the second leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds; the rate among those over the age of 65 is higher than any other age group; and
- WHEREAS**, Approximately 1 million Americans attempt suicide each year and according to the CDC, 41,149 deaths by suicide occurred in 2013. An estimated 4.8 million Americans are survivors of suicide of a friend, family member, or loved one; and
- WHEREAS**, In Dallas County alone, 273 residents died by suicide in 2014. Each person's death intimately affects at least six other people, impacting thousands of lives locally; and
- WHEREAS**, **The Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition** is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the pain of survivors affected by suicides of loved ones, through educational programs, research projects, intervention services and bereavement services; and
- WHEREAS**, **The Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition** encourage initiatives based on the goals and activities contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, Zero Suicide of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, and The Way Forward by the Action Alliance's suicide attempt survivor task force; and
- WHEREAS**, Far too many individuals die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable. Together we highlight messages of hope for those who are struggling with mental illness or suicidal thoughts. Suicide is preventable.

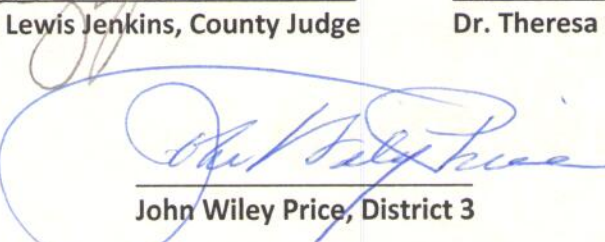
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court do hereby designate this week, September 6 – 12, 2015, as **Suicide Prevention Week** and encourages all citizens of Dallas County to participate in the **World Suicide Prevention Day** on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Dallas City Hall. Suicide Prevention Is Everyone's Business.


DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 8th day of September, 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