

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2015-1136

DATE: AUGUST 25, 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 25th day of August, 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, August 26th marks the anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1920, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on gender; and

WHEREAS, For seventy-years women of diverse and varied backgrounds, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells fought long and hard to ensure women would no longer be denied the right to vote and that their voices would be heard. As a result of this struggle, lasting from 1848 to 1920, historic change occurred, a step that forever transformed our nation; and

WHEREAS, Texas was the ninth state in the Union, and the first southern state, to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Women have defended and embraced their constitutional right to be treated as equal citizens of this nation and to freely exercise their civic duties. Women have taken leadership roles at all levels of government – city, county, state, and national – paving the way and creating opportunities for all those who will follow. Women provide their labor, talent, vision, spirit and dedication to achieve equality for all women and men; and

WHEREAS, Today, in the City of Dallas and Dallas County, women continue to participate and contribute to important decisions and government planning. Five women serve on the Dallas City Council, 33% of the fifteen members. In Dallas County, two women currently serve as County Commissioners, 40% of the 5 members; and

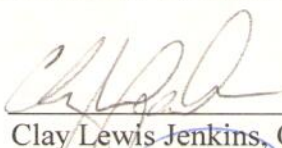
WHEREAS, In Dallas County history, Mrs. Fred Harris was the first woman appointed to serve on the Dallas County Commissioners Court in 1942. Nancy Judy in District 2 was the first woman elected to serve on the Dallas County Commissioners Court from 1979-1994 and Margaret Keliher was the first woman elected to serve as County Judge of the Dallas County Commissioners Court in 1998; and

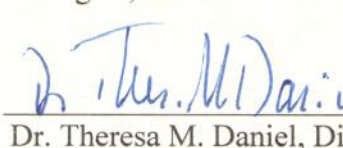
WHEREAS, The first woman to serve in the U. S. House of Representatives was Jeanette Rankin in 1917 and the first woman to serve in the U. S. Senate was Rebecca Latimer Felton in 1922. Today, there are eighty-eight women in the House of Representatives and twenty in the Senate. These one hundred and eight women represent 20% of the 541 seats (including Puerto Rican reps) in the 114th U.S. Congress; and

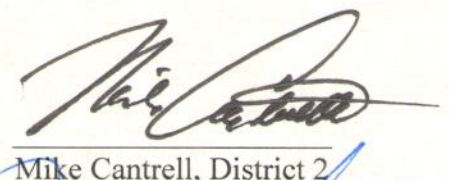
WHEREAS, On this special occasion, we must bear in mind that while women have overcome difficult obstacles, there are still many challenges ahead. We must continue to work towards achieving total equality for all. The livelihood and success of our future generations depends on it.

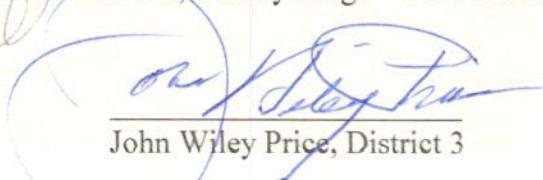
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2015 as **Women's Equality Day** in Dallas County.

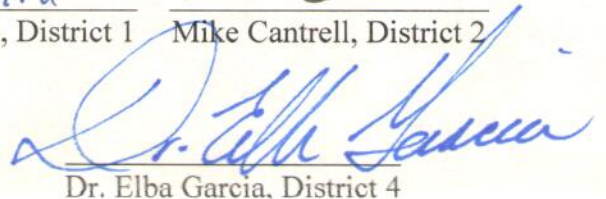
DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 25th of August, 2015.


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