

# Resolution

ORDER NO: 2015-0346

DATE: March 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 month of March is **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**, where patients, survivors, healthcare workers and caregivers show their support by wearing blue ribbons and participating in many community events and outreach programs to help increase awareness and promote screening options; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society estimates that about 93,000 new cases of colon cancer and almost 40,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed in 2015. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 50,000 people die from it every year. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer for men and women in the United States, affecting primarily people fifty years or older, of all racial and ethnic groups. Of the cancers that affect men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society indicates that only about 60 percent of adults of screening age are up-to-date on their colon cancer screening. With the understanding that early detection of colorectal cancer has proven to be an effective lifesaver, the dedicated physicians and staff of the Parkland Primary Care Service have successfully increased the colorectal screening of established patients seen in their service to 88%; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkland Memorial Hospital is dedicated to helping patients with cancer every step of the way in their lifelong journey. Parkland has a staff of highly-trained oncologists, nurses and cancer services personnel, they treat their patients with care and compassion. In addition to a personalized cancer treatment plan by a team of experts, their multidisciplinary approach to cancer care includes case management, pharmacy services, nutrition counseling, family and patient education, cancer rehabilitation, genetic testing, financial counseling, clinical trials and therapies, pain management, and end of life care; and

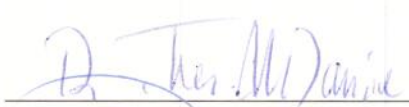
**WHEREAS**, In the most recent data collected from 2012, 148 patients were treated at Parkland Memorial Hospital for colorectal cancer. Of those, 90 patients were men and 58 patients were female. The majority of the patients, 58 of the total, were between the ages of 50 and 59 years old. Parkland recommends that average risk patients get one of the different screening tests for colorectal cancer at age 50. A screening colonoscopy is recommended earlier than age 50 for patients at high risk for colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests everyone talk with their physician regarding the various screening options available. Colorectal cancer is highly preventable.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dallas County Commissioner Court join in the designation of the month of March 2015 as **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** and urges all citizens of Dallas County to recognize the importance of colorectal cancer screening in fighting this deadly disease.

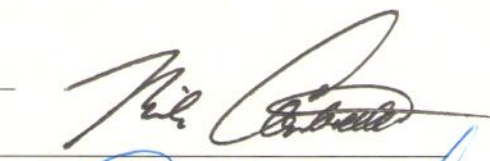
**BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioner Court recognizes Parkland Memorial Hospital for their efforts toward prevention education, early diagnoses and providing extraordinary care to those diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

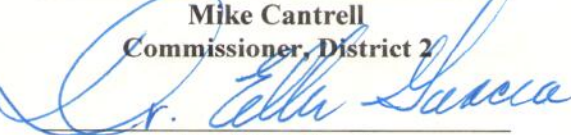
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Mike Cantrell  
Commissioner, District 2

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4