

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2016-1028

DATE: September 6, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th day of September, 2016, 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, National Recovery Month is observed in September every year across the Nation. This year's theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Voices, Our Recovery." In particular, this theme speaks to the ever increasing needs and challenges facing individuals in recovery. The good news is that most Americans believe in recovery and preserve the hope that they can lead a normal life again. Let us respond to this hope by rallying around our communities in recovery; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes the message that behavioral health is essential to overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from mental illness and substance use disorders. There are over 23 million people living in long-term recovery today; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 43 million adults, 18 and older, are living with a mental illness and more than 21 million adults are classified as having a substance use disorder. 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. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that addiction alone costs \$700 billion annually in treatment costs, crime and lost productivity; and


WHEREAS, 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 are not fully integrated into the healthcare system; 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, APAA, Faces & Voices of Recovery, and Texas Recovers will host the "Big Texas Rally for Recovery 2016" with many prominent sponsors supporting this event. Thousands of people will gather across the Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge on October 2, 2016 from 12 – 6 PM to celebrate those in recovery.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court calls on Dallas County residents and stakeholders to recognize **National Recovery Month** this September and to remember that recovery treatment is effective and people do recover. Please join us on October 2, 2016, for the Big Texas Rally for Recovery on the Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge from 12 – 6 PM. Recovery is real and it happens every day.

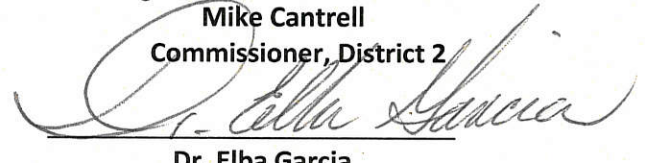
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 6th day of September, 2016.


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