

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2016-1027

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 District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Suicide is an international public health issue that claims the lives of over 800,000 people worldwide – there is no single cause for suicide. Though closely linked with mental illness, suicide prevention is not exclusively a mental health issue. Suicide is considered the most preventable public health tragedy; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court joins the nation in recognizing suicide as a public health problem and calls for action from government officials on all levels, public health workers, community leaders, residents, and stakeholders in sharing the responsibility of promoting suicide prevention on behalf of those who are suffering in silence; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Month is September, National Suicide Prevention Week is September 5, 2016 – September 11, 2016 and World Suicide Prevention Day is on September 10, 2016. This year's theme is: "Connect. Communicate. Care." Dallas County acknowledges Suicide Prevention Week and has named September 15, 2016 as Dallas Suicide Prevention Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Today, suicide rates have reached a new high in nearly thirty years, with increases in almost all age, racial and ethnic categories. However, the most marked increases are for middle-aged women ages 45-64, a 63% increase; for young girls ages 10-14, the rate tripled; for African American children ages 5-11, the rate has doubled; and American Indians had the sharpest increase of all the racial and ethnic groups, 89% for women and 38% for men; and

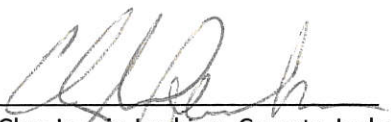
WHEREAS, The Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the pain of survivors affected by suicides of loved ones, through educational programs, research projects, intervention services and bereavement services; and

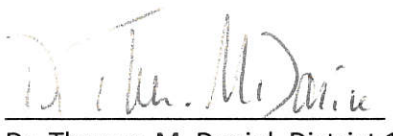
WHEREAS, The Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition encourages initiatives based on the goals and activities contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, Zero Suicide of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, and The Way Forward by the Action Alliance's suicide attempt survivor task force; and

WHEREAS, Far too many individuals die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable. More than 500 lives were lost in the Greater Dallas Area last year. It is important to ensure that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need. Together we highlight messages of hope for those who are struggling with mental illness or suicidal thoughts. Suicide is preventable.

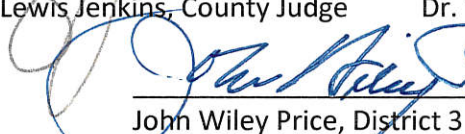
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize this week, September 5-11, 2016, as Dallas Suicide Prevention Week and encourages all citizens of Dallas County to join the Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition and community leaders on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 10:00 am in the Lobby of Dallas City Hall to promote suicide awareness and prevention. *Suicide Prevention Is Everyone's Business.*

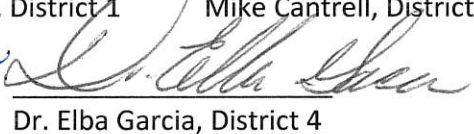
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 6th day of September, 2016.


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