

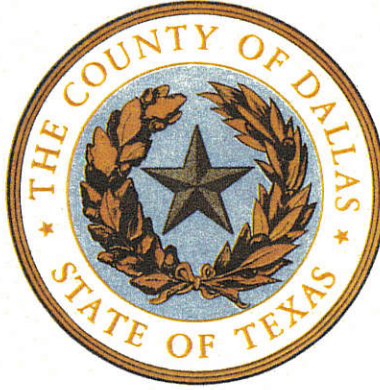
Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-0443

DATE: April 4, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



Child Abuse Prevention Month

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 4th day of April, 2017 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, We recognize that most parents endeavor to be good parents and do not abuse their children. Dallas County, community partners and service providers unite in their recognition of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, a historical and significant step in child abuse prevention in the United States. Child abuse and neglect is a community problem and finding solutions depends upon the involvement of citizens throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 202 Texas children, nearly four children a week, died from child abuse in fiscal year 2016. That number is expected to grow once data review for fiscal year 2016 is completed. Compare that to 2015, when that number was 171 statewide and 24 in Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, In Dallas County 4,535 children, 12 children a day, were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect; 20,009 children, 55 children a day were alleged victims; and 58,644 total Texas children were confirmed child abuse and neglect victims in fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, In Dallas County, 1,768 children, nearly five children a day, and 19,079 Texas children were removed from their homes as a result of abuse in fiscal year 2016. As of August 31, 2016, 558 Dallas County children and 6,999 Texas children were awaiting adoption; and


WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect can cause children to have costly social problems. Two-thirds, 66%, of children referred to juvenile delinquency court have some involvement in the social-services system stemming from allegations of abuse, neglect or dependency. For children with two or more offenses in juvenile court, the percentage increases to 89% who have some social services involvement; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed in part because of partnerships created among local, state, and federal officials, medical and social service agencies, non-profits, private foundations, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, the business community, volunteers and families. We call on all citizens to become more aware of child abuse and effective prevention programs within the community and become involved in supporting parents and other caregivers to raise their children in safe and nurturing environments.

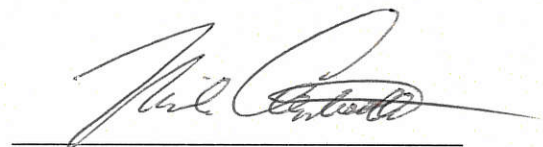
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Dallas County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim April 2017, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN DALLAS COUNTY.


BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court together with the Child Abuse Prevention Month Committee call upon all citizens, legislators, other elected officials, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, and advocate for child abuse prevention investment, thereby strengthening the health, safety and productivity of the citizens in the community in which we live.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 4th day of April, 2017.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4