

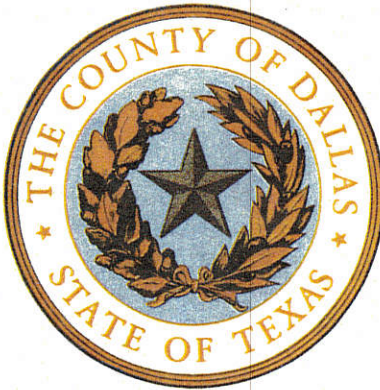
Resolution

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COUNTY OF DALLAS §



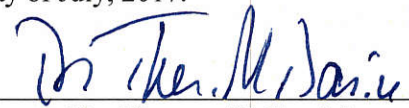
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 5th day of July, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Clay Lewis Jenkins, Dallas County Judge, the following Resolution was adopted:

- Whereas, Nelson “Madiba” Mandela has become an international symbol of social justice and equality, July 18th, his date of birth, was appropriately declared by the United Nation’s General Assembly as Mandela Day; and
- Whereas, Nelson Mandela left a legacy of courage, perseverance, struggle, forgiveness, and public service—all with the aim of securing a democratic South Africa for Blacks *and* Whites; and
- Whereas, Nelson Mandela sacrificed his freedom for the ideal of a free nation famously declaring: “I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”; and
- Whereas, After spending 27 years in prison and then becoming the first democratically elected President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela led his nation through exercises of “truth and reconciliation” wherein perpetrators of Apartheid crimes were given an opportunity to be reconciled with victims of Apartheid crimes, thus attempting to weave truth, forgiveness, and reconciliation into public policy; and
- Whereas, After serving one term as President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela stepped down from official public life and became an elder statesmen committed to working with other world leaders for global solutions to war, poverty, injustice, intolerance, climate change, and for peace; and
- Whereas, In 2009 the United Nations adopted Nelson Mandela International Day in celebration of his life and legacy. Mandela Day takes place on 18 July – Nelson Mandela’s birthday – each year. The aim of the day is to encourage all of us to spend 67 minutes of our time giving back to our community, just as Mandela spent 67 years of his life working for a better world; and
- Whereas, Like Mandela, we *too* can seek reconciliation in our homes, on our jobs, and in our communities. Like Mandela, we *too* can speak up and speak out for basic fairness, human dignity, and equality. Like Mandela, we *too* can live lives of service even in the midst of the mundane and the ordinary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize July 18th as Mandela Day. Let us remember that just like Nelson “Madiba” Mandela, we *too* can look beyond ourselves and our own concerns and work for the betterment of everybody.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 5th day of July, 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