

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2017-0367

DATE: March 21, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of March, 2017 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1, and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Commissioner of District #2, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, March is **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. 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 95,500 new cases of colon cancer and almost 40,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed in 2017. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer in men and third in women in the United States, affecting primarily people fifty years or older, of all racial and ethnic groups. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is expected to cause about 50,260 deaths during 2017; 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 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 most recent data collected from the 2016 fiscal year, Parkland Hospital completed 5,645 screening tests and 154 patients were treated at Parkland Memorial Hospital for colorectal cancer. The majority of the patients 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 2017 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 Commissioners 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 21st day of March, 2017.



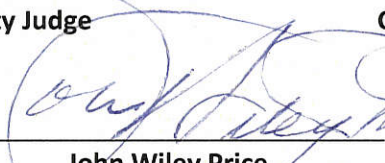
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