

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2017-1024

DATE: AUGUST 15, 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 15th day of August, 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, Women in the United States started fighting for voting rights in 1848 and won the right to vote seventy years later in 1920. This August 26th marks the 97th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on gender - a step that forever transformed our nation. Texas was the ninth state in the Union, and the first southern state, to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Women have defended and embraced their constitutional right to be treated as equal citizens of this nation and to freely exercise their civic duties. Women have taken leadership roles at all levels of government – county, city, state, and national – paving the way and creating opportunities for all those who will follow. Women provide their labor, talent, vision, spirit and dedication to achieve equality for all; and

WHEREAS, In Dallas County, the first women trailblazers of the Dallas County Commissioners Court includes Mrs. Fred Harris, the first woman appointed in 1942; Nancy Judy, the first woman elected in 1979 and served fifteen years until 1994; and Margaret Keliher, the first woman elected as County Judge in 1998. Among the countywide elected officials, Lupe Valdez is the first Hispanic female Sheriff elected in 2005 in Dallas County and in the United States. Other prominent Dallas County elected officials include District Clerk Felicia Pitre, County Treasurer Pauline Medrano, Justices of the Peace Katy Hubener, Valencia Nash and Sara Martinez, and Constables Tracey Gulley and Beth Villarreal along with many who serve in the judiciary; and

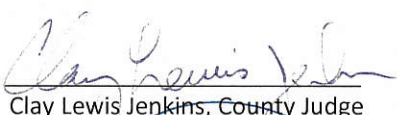
WHEREAS, Women continue to participate and contribute to important decisions in government planning and oversight but there is more work to be done for parity. Today, two women serve as Dallas County Commissioners, 40% of the five member court and two women serve as Dallas City Council Members, 13% of the fifteen council members; and

WHEREAS, The first woman to serve in the U. S. House of Representatives was Jeanette Rankin in 1917 and the first woman to serve in the U. S. Senate was Rebecca Latimer Felton in 1922. Today, 21 women (21%) serve in the United States Senate, and 84 women (19.3%) serve in the United States House of Representatives. These 105 women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 19.6% of the 535 members and

WHEREAS, We recommit ourselves to pursuing full equality for all women. We recognize that while white women earn an average of \$0.82 to the dollar as men do, African American women and Latinas earn \$0.65 and \$0.58, respectively. Additionally, we recognize women may face discrimination in hiring, healthcare and housing, and we pledge our support in fighting unequal treatment of any kind.

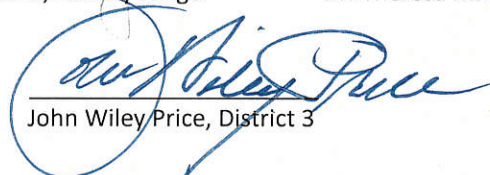
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2017 as **Women's Equality Day** in Dallas County. Dallas County joins the nation in celebrating and uplifting women everywhere.

DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 15th of August, 2017.


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