

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2018-1129

DATE: **October 2, 2018**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of October, 2018, 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, Each year the month of October is observed as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, because according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity, in the United States. The Dallas County Commissioners Court joins breast cancer survivors, those who have lost a loved one to breast cancer, the local community and medical providers in the fight to find a cure; and

WHEREAS, The statistics show that although white women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African American, Hispanic, and Asian women, African American women are more likely to develop more aggressive, more advanced-staged and also more likely to die from breast cancer. Some of these differences in outcomes may be due to less access to mammography and lower quality medical care, as well as various life style patterns (eating habits and weight issues for example) that are more common in some ethnic groups than others. These factors can be improved; and

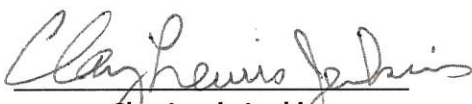
WHEREAS, Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women. About 11% of all new cases of breast cancer are found in women younger than 45 years of age. Routine breast cancer screening is very important for women of average risk as well as annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Women should immediately contact a physician if they notice any change in their breasts; and

WHEREAS, State-wide organizations such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation affiliates raise money to help local underserved women obtain breast health services. Since 1935, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas has created healthier communities delivering healthcare services and providing over 8,155 breast exams as part of well-woman visits. Since 1992, The Bridge Breast Network provides access to diagnostic and treatment services for breast cancer to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout all 28 counties in North Texas. UT Southwestern Mobil Mammography Unit will provide free screenings on Friday, October 12, 2018, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Frank Crowley Courts Building; and

WHEREAS, Parkland Health & Hospital System staff encourages anyone needing more information to attend its annual "Come Together for the Cure" breast cancer awareness event scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Light of the World Church of Christ: 7408 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75232.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby designates October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Dallas County and urges community residents to get regular medical screenings and mammograms as recommended. We will continue advocating for health and wellness and access to medical care as long as the needs exist.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 2nd day of October, 2018.


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