

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2018-1006

DATE: September 4, 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 4th day of September, 2018, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court recognizes suicide is a growing community public health problem that is largely preventable and, unlike many other health issues, the tools to significantly reduce this most tragic loss of life are available. With collective action to acknowledge and address this serious problem, as well as commitment to effective interventions supported by resources, preventing suicide is within reach; and

WHEREAS, Suicide prevention is a community responsibility. Dallas County joins neighbors, families, and the nation in designating September 9th through September 15th as **Suicide Prevention Week**. This week overlaps World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th, which is recognized internationally and supported by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; the fourth leading cause among people ages 35 to 54; and the eight leading cause among people 55 to 64; and

WHEREAS, One person completed suicide every 12 minutes, resulting in nearly 45,000 suicides in 2016, more than a 30% increase in half of the states since 1999. Additionally, around 54% of individuals who died by suicide did not have a known mental health condition; and


WHEREAS, In Texas, an annual average of 678,000 adults aged 18 or older (3.5% of all adults) in 2014–2015 had serious thoughts of suicide. In Dallas County the highest rates of suicide mortality are in the Desoto/Lancaster, North Dallas and Outer Northeast Dallas service areas; and

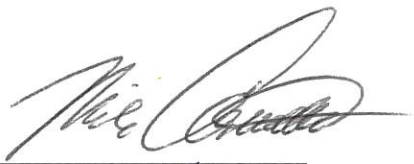
WHEREAS, Work is being done through organizations such as the **Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition**. The group is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the pain of survivors affected by the suicides of loved ones, through collaboration of services and awareness efforts.

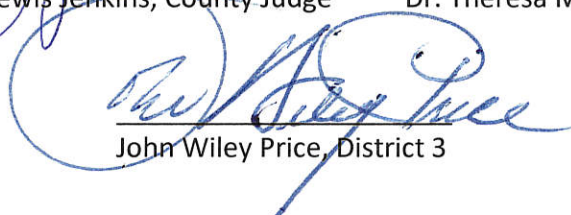
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize September 9th through 15th as **Suicide Prevention Week** in Dallas County. We invite all who are able to join the **Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition** and community leaders on Friday, September 21, 2018, at 10:00 am in the Restoration Room in the Old Red Museum to promote suicide awareness and prevention.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 4th day of September, 2018


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