

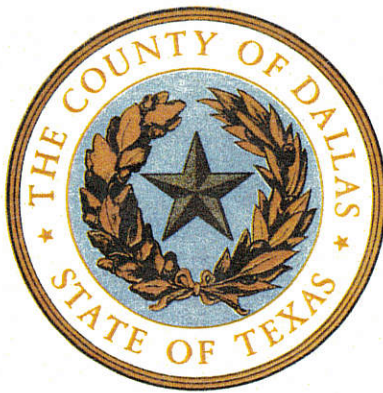
Resolution

ORDER NO. 2018-0941

DATE: AUGUST 21, 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 21st day of August, 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, Women in the United States started an organized fight for voting rights in 1848 at the Seneca Falls Convention in New York, and won the right to vote 72 years later in 1920. This August 26th marks the 98th 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, We just recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Fourteenth Amendment that was written to guarantee equality and individual rights. In its Due Process clause, the Fourteenth Amendment states, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;" and

WHEREAS, It would take another 52 years to extend those rights to women by overturning the 1875 Supreme Court ruling that the Fourteenth Amendment did not give women the right to vote. The Nineteenth Amendment is identical to the Fifteenth Amendment, except that the Nineteenth prohibits the denial of voting because of sex and the Fifteenth because of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude;" 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; and

WHEREAS, Much work needs to be done to achieve truly equal representation. Women comprise 50.8% of the population of the United States, yet are less than 20% of the U.S. House of Representatives. 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

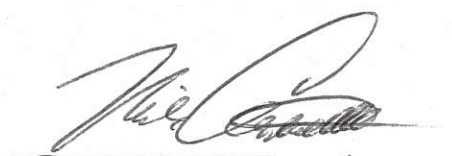
WHEREAS, We recognize women may face discrimination in hiring, healthcare and housing. The inequity is even greater among women of color in political representation, wages, and healthcare. In a 2017 Pew Research Center survey, about 42% of working women said they have experienced gender discrimination at work. In a time of heightened awareness about the treatment women may face, we pledge our support in fighting inequality of any kind.

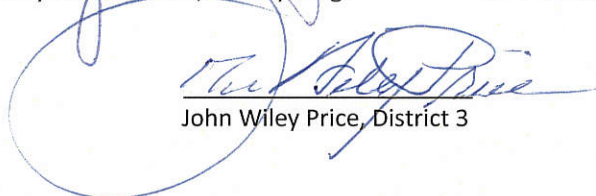
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2018 as **Women's Equality Day** in Dallas County. Dallas County joins the nation in celebrating and uplifting women everywhere.

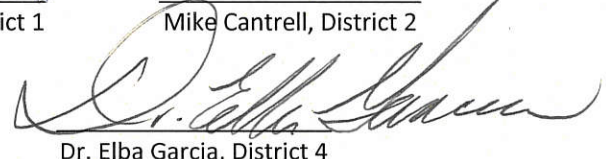
DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 21st of August, 2018.


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