

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2019-0278

DATE: **March 19, 2019**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 19th day of March, 2019 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District #3, 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, In 2019, about 101,420 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer and about 44,180 with rectal cancer. Excluding skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States, primarily affecting people fifty years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women in the U.S. and is expected to cause about **51,020 deaths during 2019**, with African Americans suffering the highest mortality rates of any other racial or ethnic group. That being said, overall deaths from colorectal cancer are down, decreasing in people older than age 55, but have increased 1%-2% a year between 2007 and 2016 for people younger than age 55; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society states that more than 55% of colorectal cancers in the US are attributable to potentially modifiable risk factors including, obesity, physical inactivity, long-term smoking, lack of calcium, eating too much red or processed meat, drinking too much alcohol, and eating too few fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. In addition to modifying risk factors, early detection has proven to save lives with a five year survival rate of 90% when found early enough. The American Cancer Society indicates only about 60% of adults of screening age are up-to-date on their colon cancer screening; and

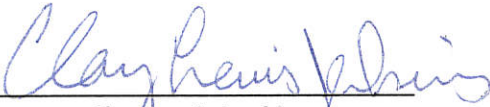
WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society and the dedicated physicians and staff of the Parkland Primary Care Service have successfully increased the colorectal screening of established patients seen in their service to 88%. Parkland Memorial Hospital is dedicated to helping patients with cancer every step of their lifelong journey. In addition to a personalized cancer treatment plan by a team of experts, their 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

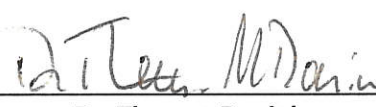
WHEREAS, Parkland, the American Cancer Society and other expert groups recommend a colonoscopy or other tests at age 45 for a person with average risk but earlier for higher risk individuals. Through early detection and a reduction in risk factors, colorectal cancer is highly preventable and perhaps one day it and other diseases will be eradicated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioner Court join in the designation of the month of March, 2019 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.

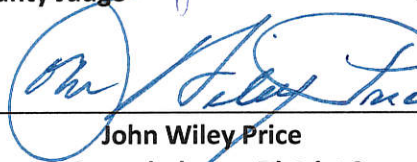
BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court continues to recognize Parkland Memorial Hospital for their efforts toward prevention education, early diagnoses and providing extraordinary care to those diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 19th day of March, 2019.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


J.J. Koch
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4