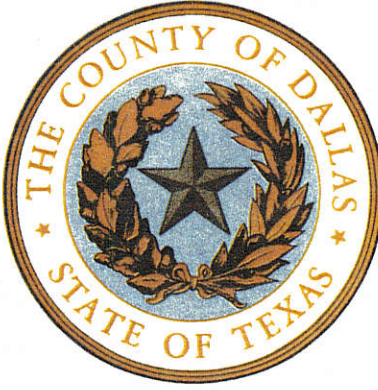


Resolution



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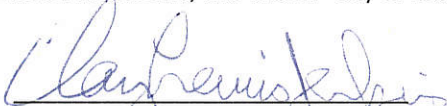
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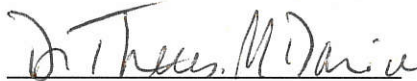
BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the May 21, 2019, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS**, the illegal consumption of drugs has had a devastating effect on millions of lives throughout this nation and in each individual community sparking a need to functionalize many of our criminal justice systems; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1989 the Miami-Dade Drug Court opened and offered the first model and template for courts specializing in the handling and dispensation of drug related cases for the entire American Justice system; and
- WHEREAS**, John Cruzot, while a Dallas County District Judge, founded Dallas County's first drug court, the Dallas Initiative for Expedited Recovery and Treatment (DIVERT) Court in 1998. The Divert Court program has achieved a 68% reduction in recidivism and boast over \$9.00 in avoided criminal justice costs for every dollar spent on participants in the program. John Cruzot was selected 2000 National Association of Drug Court Professionals Drug Court Pioneer and is also included in their Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS**, Drug Courts provide focus and leadership for community-wide partnership, fusing public safety and public health professionals for the purpose of fighting against drug abuse and the criminal elements that follow drug abuse; and
- WHEREAS**, in excess of 25,000 judges, prosecutors, defense attorney, substance abuse and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others in the 3000 courts dedicated to Drug Courts and similar types of treatment programs are healing families and communities across the country; and
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County has 14 adult specialty courts certified by the Texas State Office of the Governor, in an effort to put a treatment court within reach of every eligible person in need. The design and structure of the 14 certified specialty courts were developed to reflect the unique strengths and needs of Dallas County; and the 14 certified specialty courts focus in the areas of Co-Occurring Disorders, Reentry, Mental Health, DWI, Drug, Sexually Exploited persons, and Veterans; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts reduce crime and significantly improve substance use treatment outcomes at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and
- WHEREAS**, May 2, 2019, marks the anniversary of *National Drug Court Commencement Day*, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to the graduates of Drug Court and to their families

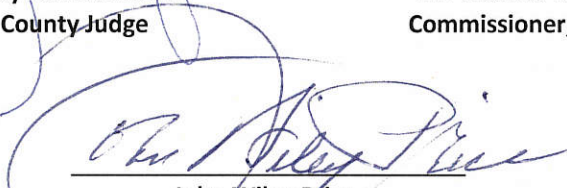
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court declares that the anniversary of "Drug Court Month" be recognized during the Month of May, 2019, in acknowledgement of the practitioners and participants who make drug courts effective and for the significant contributions that Drug Courts continue to make in reducing drug use and crime.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 21st day of May, 2019.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


J.J. Koch
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4