

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2019-1310

DATE: December 3, 2019

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

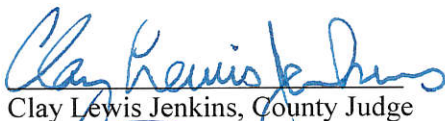
**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3rd day of December, 2019, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

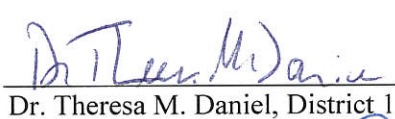
## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF JORDAN JASPER

- WHEREAS**, When 10 tornadoes ripped through Dallas County on October 20, 2019, sirens sounded, phones buzzed with alerts that said "take shelter immediately" and people's lives were at grave risk; and
- WHEREAS**, The largest of these tornadoes was an EF 3 tornado which followed a 15-mile path from Love Field, through North Dallas neighborhoods, crossing US 75 and into Richardson; and
- WHEREAS**, Scanner traffic captured fire and rescue officials confirming a collapse "at the Home Depot" located at 11682 Forest Lane that were some of the first images the public saw of the damage from the tornado; and
- WHEREAS**, Barely an hour earlier, a simple, thoughtful, caring decision by Store Manager Jordan Jasper saved lives at Home Depot 6503. The store was scheduled to close at 8 p.m. but after receiving the texts and alerts, Mr. Jasper made the decision to help the remaining customers finish shopping and to do a minimal close so his employees could leave earlier than usual and get home due to bad weather; and
- WHEREAS**, Jordan was on his way home when his manager called his cell phone to confirm everyone was out of the store and a little while later, the manager called again to say the store had been destroyed; and
- WHEREAS**, After making sure his family was safe, Jordan returned to the store to assess the damage and to see if it could open the next morning, when he knew it would be needed. He saw only the American flag and a temporary structure standing; and
- WHEREAS**, On the following morning, volunteers from Home Depot salvaged what tools they could and started to work clearing debris and cutting trees in the affected neighboring area. Jordan Jasper was quoted as saying "...just because we can't clock in doesn't mean we can't be here helping out;" and
- WHEREAS**, The Monday after the storm, Home Depot presented the American flag that was still flying to Jordan Jasper, the manager that closed up the store early to send his employees home, and thereby saved their lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby honor and thank Jasper Jordan for his people-first actions that saved his employees and himself on the night of the October 20, 2019 tornado that destroyed his store.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

  
J.J. Koch, District 2

  
John Wiley Price, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4