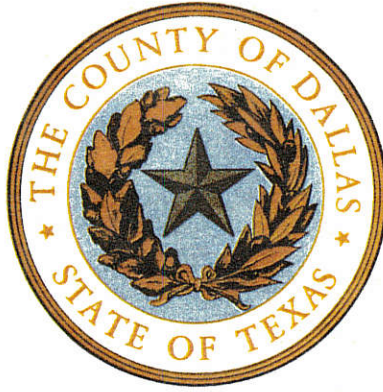


Resolution



ORDER NO: 2020-1293

DATE: December 15, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS §


COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 15th day of December, 2020, 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**, December is HIV/AIDS awareness month that begins with World AIDS Day on December 1st but continues throughout the month with events to spread awareness about the virus and try to reduce stigma, help those living with it, and advocate for an urgent response to reduce its impact; and
- WHEREAS**, A key component in the fight to stop HIV is to connect with people most at risk and meet them where they are and provide testing, treatment and prevention education as these are keys to healthy communities; and
- WHEREAS**, In the 30 years since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) first reported on a new disease that would eventually be known as HIV/AIDS, nearly 600,000 Americans have died from AIDS. Thousands more live with disabilities due to symptoms and complications of the disease. Today, advances in medical care and antiretroviral therapy (ART) have decreased the number of people with HIV who get AIDS. Still, 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the U.S. and 16,000 Americans with AIDS die each year; and
- WHEREAS**, In 2017, an estimated 18,073 people were living with HIV in Dallas County, representing an increase of 44% since 2008. Case rates remain disproportionately higher in African Americans, similar to trends observed in larger urban areas in the US. In 2017, 63% of new HIV diagnoses were in persons less than 35 years of age; and
- WHEREAS**, Dallas County Health and Human Services HIV Early Intervention Clinic offers services to people who are newly diagnosed with HIV and to people who have been living with HIV, but have yet to seek medical intervention. Services the clinic offers include a complete evaluation of health status, immunizations and testing for HIV, STDs and Tuberculosis. With the help of the Early Intervention staff, HIV-positive people will learn how to select a primary care provider who can tend to their medical needs. Staff members will also help prepare the patient for the challenges that come with being diagnosed. Private individual, couple and family counseling is provided. Targeted community outreach is a priority for Dallas County and through the efforts of the Mobile Medical Unit HIV and STD testing is available in all parts of the County; and
- WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Health and Human Services' HIV Grants division is responsible for administering millions of dollars in federal and state HIV/AIDS grant funding including funds from Ryan White Part A and B and Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative. This funding allows persons living with HIV/AIDS throughout a 12-county service delivery area to have access to primary medical care through HIV-related health and psycho-social support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court, with its focus on public health, does hereby recognize December as HIV Awareness Month and encourages everyone to know their status.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 15th day of December, 2020.


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