

Resolution



ORDER NO: 2020-0935

DATE: September 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 September, 2020, 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:

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month was first launched in 1989 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the purpose of increasing awareness around the issues of mental health and substance abuse. In 2011, this observance evolved into National Recovery Month to include treatment and recovery from all aspects of behavioral health. This September 2020 marks thirty-one years of National Recovery Month celebrations and uplifting individuals who are on the road to recovery and those who are living in recovery; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Recovery Month selects a new focus and theme to spread the message and share the successes of treatment and recovery. This year's theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections". This theme will work to inspire people across the country to recognize the strength and resilience of individuals living in recovery as well as to support those with substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders to consider seeking treatment; and


WHEREAS, Mental health and substance use disorders affect people from every walk of life throughout the United States. It is estimated that more than 43 million adults, 18 and older, are living with a mental health illness and more than 21 million adults are classified as having a substance dependence disorder; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes the message that behavioral health is essential to overall health. Successful recovery for individuals is possible when evidence-based clinical treatment and support services are accessible to the community. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from mental illness and substance use disorders. There are over 23 million people living in long-term recovery today; and

WHEREAS, Our work in the areas of mental health, substance use and recovery is still not done. We as a governmental body and community further acknowledge those efforts to improve the quality of life for persons living with and who are affected by these conditions. Today, we publicly acknowledge our appreciation to local community leaders, partners and agencies whom together, form the network of recovery services in Dallas County. Two voices who recently transitioned, Dr. Jerome Byers and Dr. Joel Feiner, will be particularly missed for their many years of commitment to improving the lives of individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

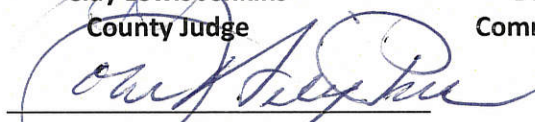
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court calls on Dallas County residents and stakeholders to recognize **National Recovery Month** this September and to remember that recovery treatment is effective and people do recover.

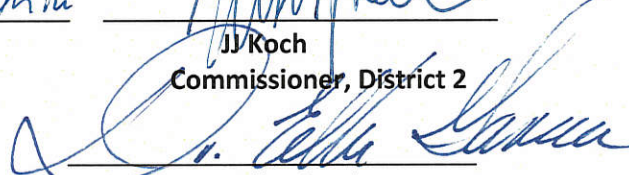
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 15th day of September 2020.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


JJ Koch
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4