

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2020-0934

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 District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Over 500 people each year in Dallas and surrounding counties come to the conclusion that suicide is the only solution to their enduring pain. Nearly 50,000 lives across our nation are tragically lost to a community public health problem that is largely preventable and is often due to an untreated mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 34. It is estimated that five million people in the United States are survivors of suicide, or family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide; and


WHEREAS, Suicide can often be attributed to mental illness. One in five Americans is living with a mental health condition. This is significant because stigma against mental health conditions can contribute to feelings of shame and can even prevent people from seeking treatment. Furthermore, the mental health equation has been compounded by the challenges of the current COVID-19 pandemic; and


WHEREAS, No matter the challenge, organizations such as the **Greater Dallas Suicide Prevention Coalition** are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the pain of survivors affected by the suicides of loved ones, through collaboration of services and awareness efforts; and


WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court recognizes that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and that suicide can affect anyone regardless of background or socioeconomic status. Dallas County joins neighbors, families, and the nation in remembering and designating September 6th through September 12th as **Suicide Prevention Week**.

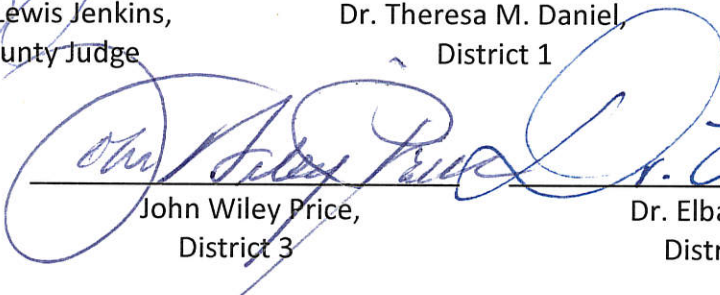
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize September 6th through 12th as **Suicide Prevention Week** in Dallas County.

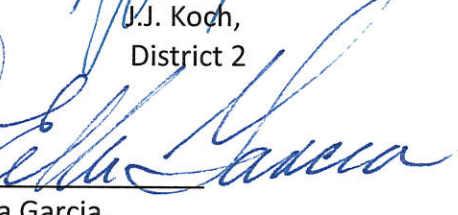
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 15th day of September, 2020


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