

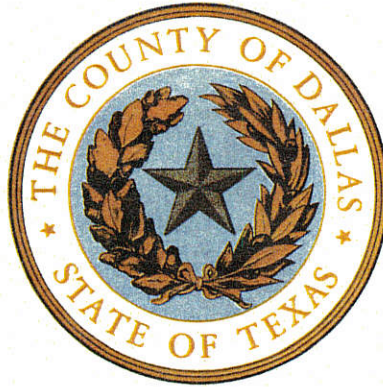
# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2020-0206

DATE: March 3, 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 3rd day of March, 2020 on 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**, March is designated Women's History Month and the month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1980 as National Women's History Week, later, the remembrance was extended to a month-long learning opportunity. This March 2020 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this recognition. The year 2020 will also mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year the National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the theme. The 2020 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." The theme honors the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others. In his inaugural Proclamation, President Carter paid homage to these same women by stating, "I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality -- Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul. Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people;" and

**WHEREAS**, The fight for women's voting rights began in 1848 at a convention of women in Seneca Falls, New York and it would take 72 years to finally secure the right to vote in 1920 with the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment: "*The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation;*" and


**WHEREAS**, While many women were able to head to the polls, the amendment did not give voting rights to all women. Women of color, immigrants, and lower income women were often deterred from voting by laws and social pressure. For example, Native American women were not considered US citizens until 1924 and were not permitted to vote. A century after the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, women are still advocating for their rights. This activism would be impossible without the power of the vote that enables women to have a say in the democracy they live in; and

**WHEREAS**, Today we honor the women elected to office in Dallas County; Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District Clerk Felicia Pitre, Treasurer Pauline Medrano, Judge Bonnie Lee Goldstein, Judge Staci Williams, Judge Tonya Parker, Judge Aiesha Redmond, Judge Maricela Moore, Judge Gena Slaughter, Judge Bridgett Whitmore, Judge Emily Tobolowsky, Judge Monica McCoy Purdy, Judge Sheryl Day McFarlin, Judge Tina Yoo Clinton, Judge Nancy Kennedy, Judge Gracie Lewis, Judge Dominique Collins, Judge Jeanine Howard, Judge Chika Anyiam, Judge Kim Cooks, Judge Mary Brown, Judge Dennise Garcia, Judge Andrea Plumlee, Judge Raquel "Rocky" Jones, Judge Tammy Kemp, Judge Jennifer Bennett, Judge Amber Givens-Davis, Judge Lela Mays, Judge Stephanie Huff, Judge Tracy Holmes, Judge Andrea Martin, Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon, Judge D'Metria Benson, Judge Melissa Bellan, Judge Sally Montgomery, Judge Paula Rosales, Judge Julia Hayes, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Lisa Green, Judge Angela King, Judge Remeko Tranisha Edwards, Judge Carmen White, Judge Peggy Hoffman, Judge Etta Mullin, Judge Shequitta Kelly, Judge Kristin Wade, Judge Pamela Luther, Judge Brenda Thompson, Judge Ingrid Michelle Warren, Judge Margaret Jones-Johnson, Constable Tracey Gullely, Judge Valencia Nash, Judge Margaret O'Brien, Judge Katina Whitfield, Judge Sasha Moreno, Judge Sara Martinez, Sheriff Marian Brown and myself, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel; and

**WHEREAS**, Women have been leaders, not only in securing the rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace movement and other movements which create a more fair and just society for all. Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

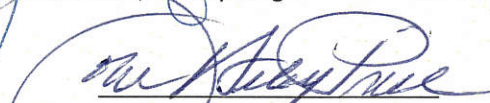
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the residents of Dallas County, we call upon all citizens to observe the month of March as Women's History Month urging all to "write women back into history."


**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 3rd day of March, 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