

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2020-0823

DATE: AUGUST 18, 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 18th day of August, 2020, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1 and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Garcia of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, August 26th marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on gender - a step that forever transformed our nation; and

WHEREAS, Between 1878, when the amendment was first introduced in Congress, and 1920, when it was ratified, champions of voting rights for women worked tirelessly. For seventy-years women of diverse and varied backgrounds, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells fought long and hard to ensure women would no longer be denied the right to vote and that their voices would be heard; and

WHEREAS, During the 1918 Texas gubernatorial campaign, members of Dallas Equal Suffrage Association (D.E.S.A.) procured signatures of over 10,000 Dallas County women on a petition backing a primary suffrage bill. The bill passed, enabling Texas women to vote in primary elections. Dallas County suffragists registered over 16,000 women to vote in the July 1918 primary election; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 1919, Texas became the ninth state in the union and the first southern state to ratify the 19th Amendment. The state's support of women's enfranchisement set the stage for other southern states to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

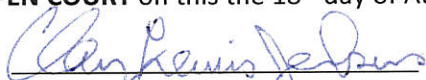
WHEREAS, The suffrage and women's rights movements are the roots of women in politics and women's rise in national leadership. Women have taken leadership roles at all levels of government – city, county, state, and national – paving the way and creating opportunities for all those who will follow; and

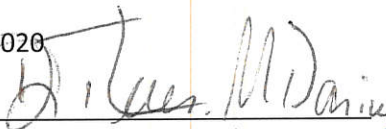
WHEREAS, Today, in the Dallas County and City of Dallas, women continue to participate and contribute to important decisions and government planning. In Dallas County, two women currently serve as County Commissioners, 40% of the 5 members. Four women serve on the Dallas City Council, 27% of the fifteen council members; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Today, the wage gap between men and women still impacts women's economic power, and gender-based discrimination still plagues workplaces and business transactions. We must bear in mind that while women have achieved a great deal in the face of significant obstacles, there is still much to accomplish in our work to achieve total equality.

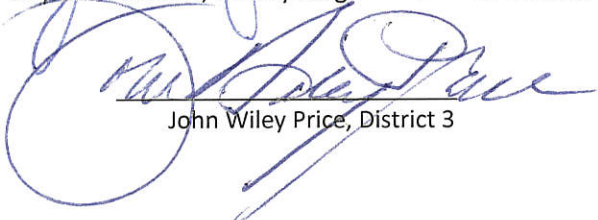
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as **Women's Equality Day** in Dallas County. Dallas County joins the nation in celebrating and uplifting women everywhere.

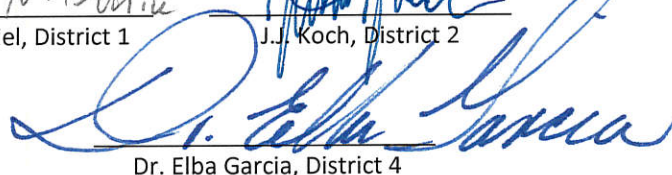
DONE IN OPEN COURT on this the 18th day of August 2020


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