

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2021-0920

DATE: September 21, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by J.J. Koch, Commissioner of District 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an enormous toll on the lives of the American people, especially those struggling with substance use disorder. While many have continued on their path towards recovery, even while facing the additional physical, emotional, and economic hardships brought about by the pandemic, others have struggled. During National Recovery Month, we celebrate the millions of Americans who have achieved recovery and reaffirm our commitment to helping more Americans overcome substance use disorder and reach recovery.

**WHEREAS**, We also support those who are still struggling to achieve recovery and dedicate ourselves to overcoming these challenges together. This year's theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community," emphasizes that recovery is possible for all Americans. We honor the many pathways to recovery and will support individuals and their families at every step along their journey, in whatever form it takes.

**WHEREAS**, The work ahead includes making treatment and recovery support services accessible to all Americans. The American Rescue Plan delivered nearly \$4 billion to strengthen and expand mental health and substance use disorder services. With those funds, we can also continue to work to expand employment opportunities for people in recovery and foster the development of recovery-ready workplace policies and cultures. Helping those in recovery to attain economic opportunity and mobility will not only improve their well-being but also benefit our Nation as a whole. These investments will lay the foundation upon which more Americans — of all backgrounds and in every community — can build and maintain long-term recovery.


**WHEREAS**, While opportunities for recovery should be available for everyone, those with substance use disorders in racially-diverse, Tribal, rural, and other underserved communities often lack access to the support services that they need to receive treatment and sustain their recovery. Research also shows that a treatment gap lingers between people of color and their white neighbors. People of color not only have less access to support services for addiction but are also subject to harsher penalties when addiction leads to interaction with the criminal justice system. To address this, we are working towards a Government-wide approach to advancing equity, including in our criminal justice approaches to drug policy.

**WHEREAS**, During National Recovery Month, we also honor and thank those who have helped our Nation heal and build back better. In the face of unprecedented challenges this past year, our Nation's health care providers have delivered essential care and hope to individuals, families, and communities in need. On the frontlines of the addiction epidemic, they have ensured our Nation's system of care remains intact, facilitating treatment and recovery. As always, we celebrate the resilience and courage of the recovery community, which serves as a reminder that recovery is possible for everyone.

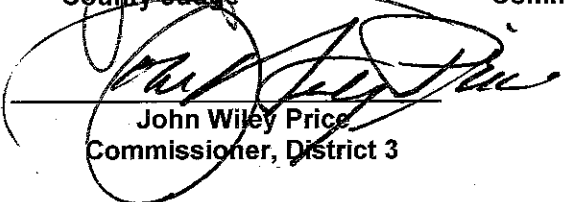
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Dallas County Commissioner's does hereby proclaim September 2021 as National Recovery Month. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to take action to promote recovery and improve the health of our Nation.

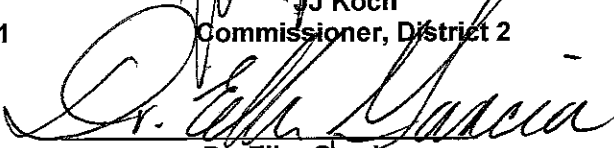
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, We have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
J. Koch  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4