

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2021-0642

DATE: July 6, 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 6th day of July 2021 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Dallas County has an interest in fostering the health and well-being of its citizens and engaging in a conscientious commitment to advancing women's health; and

**WHEREAS**, Uterine fibroids are the most common benign tumors in the uterus and the most prevalent medical condition affecting women. An estimated 30 percent of women develop a uterine fibroid by 35 years of age, and 80 percent of women develop a uterine fibroid by 50 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, The overall incidence of uterine fibroids is estimated to disproportionately and more severely impact Black and Hispanic women, at a rate that is three times greater in Black women and two times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women. The differences in the incidence rates and the magnitude of the condition of uterine fibroids could be impacted by differences in access and use of health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, Uterine fibroids may cause significant symptoms, including pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, urinary frequency, back pain, reproductive dysfunction, miscarriage, early labor, and infertility. The pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and emotional symptoms of living with uterine fibroids may significantly interfere with a woman's quality of life, compromise her ability to function normally, work, or care for her family, and lead to more severe health and wellness issues; and

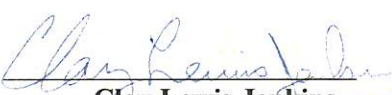
**WHEREAS**, Uterine fibroids are the single most common indicator for hysterectomy, with over \$3.6 billion spent annually on the medical expense of hysterectomy procedures, and with \$238 million to \$7.76 billion spent annually on obstetric outcomes attributed to fibroids in the United States; and

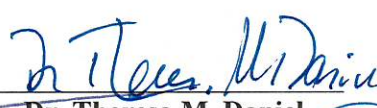
**WHEREAS**, Dallas County encourages awareness and education about uterine fibroids to increase knowledge and improve methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The establishment of a public education campaign including regular checkups, health seminars, medical information panels, community programs, and funding opportunities would empower and inform residents of Dallas County about uterine fibroids and would encourage earlier diagnosis, better treatment options, more research and eventually a cure for uterine fibroids; and


**WHEREAS**, Observation of Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month in the month of July can assist in the aforementioned efforts, support and encourage women to engage in healthy dialogue, and promote a well-informed community.

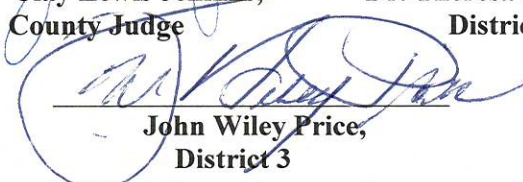
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court, along with many communities throughout the county, does hereby proclaim the month of July as Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month in Dallas County.

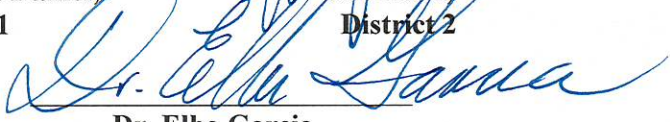
**DONE IN OPEN COURT** on this the 6th of July 2021.

  
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