

Resolution

ORDER NO. 2021-0199

DATE: March 2, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of March, 2021 on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is observed every year in March and is a time to honor women's contributions to American history. President Jimmy Carter was the first to issue a Presidential Proclamation in February 1980, declaring the Week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. National Women's History Week would later be extended to a month-long celebration by action of the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Each year the National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes a theme for Women's History Month. The 2021 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced," a continuation of last year's theme. The theme captures the spirit of these challenging times. During this time many worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone would have the opportunity to fulfill their civic duty of using their voice through voting; and

WHEREAS, The year 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, allowing white women the right to vote, too. Although a significant triumph, 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. It would not be until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law that substantial legal efforts would be made to protect particularly for citizens of color the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, One such woman made history during the 2020 Presidential Election. The United States' first female vice president, the highest-ranking elected female official in U.S. history, and the first African American and first Asian American vice president was elected into office. Amid a worldwide pandemic that interrupted daily life everywhere, women voters, especially Black women voters, voted in record numbers; and

WHEREAS, Today, great strides have been made to protect and secure individual freedoms, women continue the fight to be seen and recognized as equals across the different levels of government and sectors of society. Women continue the fight against legislation and laws that restrict or take away a woman's freedom of choice to determine what is best for her life; and

WHEREAS, Women are still working towards equitable representation at all levels of leadership. Inclusivity and increased participation in decision-making bodies remain a priority. Groups such as IGNITE, the Black Women's Pac Texas, The Texas Women's Foundation Women's Leadership Institute, and the ReflectUS Coalition, will continue to work on preparing women, and young women, for leadership roles in government, business, community engagement and more. We are not done yet!

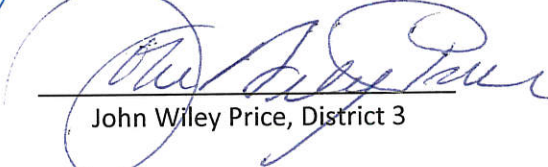
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the residents of Dallas County, we call upon all citizens to observe the month of March as Women's History Month.


DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 2nd day of March 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