

ORDER NO. 2023-0290
DATE: March 21, 2023
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of March 2023 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, Dallas County remains committed to ensuring that all constituents are free from discrimination and harassment of any form. Dallas County recognizes the significant contributions made by transgender people and affirms that they are vital members of our community; and

WHEREAS, On March 31st, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility to raise awareness of issues impacting transgender, gender non-conforming, gender expansive and non-binary people and to honor these communities for their resilience, activism, and countless contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, As President Joe Biden remarked in his 2022 Proclamation, “visibility matters, and so many transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming Americans are thriving. Like never before, they are sharing their stories in books and magazines; breaking glass ceilings of representation on television and movie screens; enlisting — once again — to serve proudly and openly in our military; getting elected and making policy at every level of government; and running businesses, curing diseases, and serving our communities in countless other ways;” and

WHEREAS, Transgender people continue to face high levels of discrimination, stigma, and bias that often fuels violence and abuse against this community. Over 100 bills have been filed in the 88th Texas Legislature against the transgender community including a resolution condemning major U.S. medical associations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the Children’s Hospital Association for their support of gender affirming care, and a bill that requires schools to disclose student records for students seeking mental health/well-being support from school staff; and

WHEREAS, Members of the transgender community who contribute to the growing diversity and prosperity of Dallas County and our transgender communities include family members, friends, co-workers, colleagues, business owners, volunteers and neighbors who seek the same rights, equality, and understanding that each of us deserves. On this day we join to celebrate and stand with the many transgender people of our area in support of their free and full expression.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dallas County Commissioners Court, does hereby proclaim March 31, 2023 as TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY and on this day and every day, we recognize the resilience, strength, and joy of transgender, nonbinary, and gender expansive people. We celebrate the activism and determination that have fueled the fight for transgender equality in Dallas County and in unity with communities across the world.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

Andrew Sommerman, District 2

John Wiley Price, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4