



COURT ORDER 2020-0583

Dallas County Commissioners Court Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

On a motion made by Commissioner John Wiley Price, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: June 16, 2020

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby

1. Assert that racism is a public health crisis affecting our entire county.
2. Work to progress as an equity and justice-oriented organization, with the Commissioners Court and its staff leadership continuing to identify specific activities to further enhance diversity and to ensure antiracism principles across Commissioners Court leadership, staffing and contracting.
3. Promote equity through all policies approved by the Commissioners Court and enhance educational efforts aimed at understanding, addressing and dismantling racism and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development and public safety.
4. Continue to advocate locally and through the National Association of Counties for relevant policies that improve health in Black communities, and supports local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.
5. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis.
6. Support community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engage actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live.
7. To always promote and support policies that prioritize the health of all people, especially people of color by mitigating exposure to adverse childhood experiences.
8. Institute racial equity training with the goal of reaching all Commissioners Court agency leadership and staff.
9. Encourage racial equity training among all community partners, grantees, vendors and contractors.
10. Identify clear goals and objectives, including periodic reports to the Commissioners Court, to assess progress and capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity; and, be it

Further resolved, that the Commissioners Court supports all additional efforts in Dallas County, the State of Texas and nationwide to address racism and public health disparities due to racial inequities; and, be it

Further resolved, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court call upon the Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House, and the Texas Senate President and Attorney General to join with us to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the State of Texas.

Done in open Court June 16, 2020 by the following vote:

IN FAVOR:	County Judge Clay Jenkins, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Commissioner JJ Koch, Commissioner John Wiley Price, and Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia
OPPOSED:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None