## Resolution



**ORDER NO. 2021-0719** 

DATE: AUGUST 3, 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 3rd day of August 2021 on a 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, The mission of the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services is to protect the health of the citizens of Dallas County through disease prevention and intervention, and through promotions of a healthy community and environment; and
- WHEREAS, North Texas received a failing grade on ozone pollution according to the American Lung Association's State of the Air 2021 report. People who work or exercise outside, those with asthma or COPD, anyone over the age of 65, and children and teens are particularly vulnerable to ozone pollution, the American Lung Association said. The pollution itself can cause immediate breathing problems or premature death when levels are high; and
- WHEREAS, People of color were 61% more likely than white people to live in a county with a failing grade for at least one air pollutant, and over three times as likely to live in a county with a failing grade for all three pollutants; and
- WHEREAS, Clean Air Action Day was created more than 10 years ago to educate the public on air quality measures, and, Air North Texas asks residents to pledge to do simple things in their everyday lives to positively impact air quality; and
- WHEREAS, On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, we invite you to participate in Clean Air Action Day by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. Actions such as working from home, using mass transit, carpooling or bicycling make a difference in improving air quality; and
- **WHEREAS,** Clean air actions are not limited to Aug. 4th. Residents are encouraged to make it a habit to think about and act on how they can improve air quality every day by conserving energy and water, maintaining vehicles and using energy-efficient appliances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the 4th day of August 2021 as Clean Air Action Day as a reminder of the health impacts of clean air and to encourage all of us to take action to make a healthier Dallas County by addressing air quality.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 3rd day of August, 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