

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL CO-RESPONDER AND CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that more than one in five adults in the United States live with mental illness and these behavioral health conditions; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County recognizes the need for additional and focused resources for individuals experiencing mental health and behavioral crises and has identified the system of co-responders and mobile crisis teams as an emerging, effective practice; and

WHEREAS, these Co-Responder and Crisis Responder teams utilize the combined expertise of law enforcement and behavioral health clinicians to de-escalate crisis situations in a safe, effective, and informed manner; and

WHEREAS, team members have shown exceptional commitment, compassion, and courage when helping those in need and therefore, enhancing public safety as it pertains to the mental health crisis within our communities; and

WHEREAS, the many co-responders and crisis responders carry out this important work across our communities, state and country, while also working to meet the rising demand for mental health and substance use services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the week of September 15th 2024, as Tarrant County Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week along with the International Co-Responder Alliance and call upon Tarrant County residents to recognize, honor, and give thanks to these amazing professionals for their daily service, aiding in safer outcomes, and continued commitment to assisting those in crisis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 17th day of September 2024.