

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **Community Health Worker (CHW) Week**

**WHEREAS**, Texas was the first state to formally recognize Community Health Workers as members of the public health workforce through the passing of House Bill 1864, and is one of the few states that offers a statewide CHW certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Worker Week April 22-28, 2024 is observed by the DFW-CHW Association and others in Tarrant County as a joint effort with the State of Texas, which has declared April 26<sup>th</sup> as Texas Community Health Worker (CHW) Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the DFW-CHW Association's mission is to strengthen the community health workforce through professional development, education, networking, and community outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, Community health workers are nationally recognized as essential front line public health workers by government agencies; and are an essential part of the Tarrant County Public Health workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 4,000 Texas Community Health Workers and Community Health Worker Instructors play a key role in improving the health the community, advancing health equity, increasing access to care, and reducing health disparities through strategies such as community outreach and health education; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County Public Health has expanded training of Community Health Workers through the development of its Community Health Worker Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, the thousands of Community Health Workers in Tarrant County work tirelessly to meet the health needs of the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby declare the week of April 22-28, 2024 as Community Health Worker Week in Tarrant County, and further appreciates and commends every Community Health Worker for their outstanding and dedicated service to provide a better quality of life to those in need.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set my hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

(Over Entire Court signatures)