

RESOLUTION

In Recognition Of Tarrant County Commissioner Devan Allen

WHEREAS, Commissioner Devan Allen dedicated her 20-year career to public service, and when elected in 2018, her historic victory marked a change - that the community was ready for compassionate leadership; and

WHEREAS, upon her election, Commissioner Allen was the first Democrat elected from her precinct, the third African American and the youngest commissioner ever elected in Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, also being the third woman ever elected in the 100-plus year history of the court, Commissioner Allen ensured all women elected in Tarrant County were recognized for their service, including those who walked before her – Commissioner Dionne Bagsby and Commissioner Marti Van Ravenswaay; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Allen worked towards elevating the voice and needs of her community during historic times – a global pandemic, a global social justice movement, and a 100-year storm, never giving up her fight to expand access and equity in county government; and

WHEREAS, guided by her faith in God and personal mantra, ‘When we work and love authentically ourselves, we encourage the hopes and dream of others,’ Commissioner Allen dedicated her time on the court to serving with tenacity and courage; even in the face of opposition; and

WHEREAS, this approach to service and governance ensured equity in county communication translations, community board representation, and an insistence on equitable access to opportunities for all Tarrant County residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Devan Allen has served as a beacon of strength and hope for Tarrant County constituents and employees, colleagues across the state and nation, and anyone who has ever been a first or an only; further solidifying that representation and authenticity truly matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County do hereby honor the service of Tarrant County Commissioner Devan Allen and thank her for her dedication and service to the citizens of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 13th day of December 2022.