

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 24-28, 2023 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 14th 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 of 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 is seeking to expand training of Community Health Workers through development of a Community Health Worker Institute; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of Community Health Workers in Tarrant County that 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 proclaim the week of April 24-28, 2023 as Community Health Worker Week in Tarrant County, and further appreciate and commend 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 our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 18th day of April 2023.

(Over Entire Court signatures)