

# Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

## IN HONOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WEEK

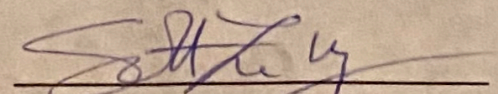
- WHEREAS:** A Community Health Worker is a liaison and provides cultural mediation between health care, social services and the community. Texas was the first state to formally recognize Community Health Workers as members of the public health workforce through the passing of House Bill 1864 and is one of the few states that offers a statewide CHW certification.
- WHEREAS:** Across Texas, community health workers play invaluable roles in our public health care system and in our state's many diverse communities. These vital workers act as intermediaries between social services and the underserved communities that need access to crucial health care resources, helping ensure that all Texans have access to the care they need; and
- WHEREAS:** Community Health Workers utilize important cultural and linguistic skills, which allow them to better serve communities across Texas in effective, culturally specific ways. Through health education, disease management, outreach and advocacy, community health workers constantly strive to improve the quality of health care in their communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The DFW-Community Health Worker Association's mission is to strengthen the community health workforce through professional development, education, networking, and community outreach.
- WHEREAS:** Community Health Workers should be recognized as essential frontline public health workers. They have played a key role in advancing health equity, increasing access to care and reducing health disparities—these efforts have been amplified since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Scott LeMay, Mayor of the City of Garland, Texas, along with the City Council do hereby proclaim April 25-29, 2022 in Garland, Texas.

## “Community Health Worker Week”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Garland, Texas, to be affixed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



  
Mayor, the City of Garland, Texas