

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are nationally recognized as essential front line public health workers by government agencies and they play a key role in advancing health equity, increasing access to care, and reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, Improving the health of populations requires sustainable, multi-sector collaborations between healthcare providers, public and private agencies, and their community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, The 4,000+ Texas Community Health Workers and Community Health Worker Instructors serve a vital role in improving the health of their communities through community outreach and health education; and

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, The 400-900 Community Health Workers in Dallas work tirelessly to meet the health needs of the most vulnerable populations in our communities. Leadership from CHWs along with leadership from state, city, and local health officials are key to CHW sustainability and integration; 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 Worker Week recognizes Dallas' CHW workforce for their passion and dedication to improving community health. During this Community Health Worker Week, we celebrate the legacy of CHWs and their community partnerships working to improve the health of their most vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS, Along with the State of Texas which has declared April 16th as Texas CHW Day, the DFW-CHW Association has declared the week of April 26-30, 2021 as Dallas Community Health Worker Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – 30, 2021 as

DALLAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WEEK

In Dallas, Texas and encourage residents to join me in honoring Community Health Workers during this week and throughout the year.


Mayor, The City of Dallas

