

RESOLUTION

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America has declared May to be National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. Asthma currently impacts an estimated 24.9 million Americans, including 4.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, poorly controlled asthma results in the increased use of emergency department and hospital resources, increases medical costs and mortality, reduces productivity at work and school, and negatively impacts quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic burden of asthma in the United States is estimated to be \$81.9 billion dollars, including healthcare services, mortality, work absences, and school absences; and

WHEREAS, in Tarrant County, 11% of children (approximately 57,868) currently have asthma, and 41% of children with asthma missed school due to asthma symptoms. Asthma is a leading cause of school absences, which reduces learning time and funding for Tarrant County schools; and

WHEREAS, the burden of asthma may be sharply reduced through self-management, education, awareness, and appropriate health care, as promoted through the Asthma 411 Consortium and supported by SaferCare Texas at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, JPS Health Network, Acclaim Physician Group, and Cook Children's Center for Community Health; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County encourages improved control of asthma to reduce the impact of this chronic condition on the health, education, economic well-being, and quality of life for all people in the county, particularly children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize May 2025 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness month in Tarrant County; and

FURTHER, we encourage the citizens of Tarrant County to work together – promoting and improving health, education, and economic outcomes by increasing awareness, understanding, and control of asthma.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this the 20th day of May 2025.