

RESOLUTION

Honoring Sharon Downs for three decades of Outstanding Public Service to Tarrant County and its most vulnerable constituents

WHEREAS, Sharon Downs is an experienced social service worker, case manager and transformational leader who has been employed by Tarrant County Human Services Department for 30 years and nine months; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Downs compassionately and skillfully led Tarrant County's Human Services Department as its assistant director for 2 of these past 30 years; and retired from this role July, 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Downs began her public service as a caseworker in October 1994 with a sincere desire, commitment and plan to address housing insecurity; assist with gas, water and electric needs; and to encourage skills development among Tarrant County's lowest-income mothers, foster youth, military veterans, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, case management is a vital link in an overall plan to stabilize families and move them toward self-sufficiency; and such work requires the skills of licensed professionals; and

WHEREAS, the diligent work of Sharon Downs, a Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, led to her promotion in August 2013 to assistant supervisor of 17 employees; and her demonstrated leadership led to her promotion in 2023 to Assistant Director of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, in these roles, Sharon Downs, developed the professionalism of the department by recruiting licensed Social Workers, promoting professional practices and encouraging participation in the county's Leadership Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby celebrate Sharon Downs on her outstanding and meritorious service as Assistant Director, Tarrant County Human Services, and extend best wishes upon her retirement.

In Witness Whereof, we have, hereunto, set our hands and caused the seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 5th day of August 2025