

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The City of Dallas has an interest in fostering the health and well-being of its residents and engaging in a conscientious commitment to advancing women's health; and

WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids are the most common benign tumors in the uterus and the most prevalent medical condition affecting women, with an estimated 30 percent of women developing a uterine fibroid by 35 years of age, and 80 percent of women developing a uterine fibroid by 50 years of age; It is the single most common indication for a hysterectomy; and

WHEREAS, The overall incidence of uterine fibroids is estimated to disproportionately and more severely impact Black and Hispanic women, resulting in an incidence rate that is three times greater in Black women and two times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women; The differences in the incidence rates and the magnitude of the condition of uterine fibroids could be impacted by differences in access and use of health care services; and

WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids may cause significant symptoms, including pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, urinary frequency, back pain, reproductive dysfunction, miscarriage, early labor, and infertility; The pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and emotional symptoms of living with uterine fibroids may significantly interfere with a woman's quality of life, compromise her ability to function normally, work, or care for her family, and lead to more severe health and wellness issues; and

WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids are the single most common indication for hysterectomy, with over \$3.6 billion spent annually on the medical expense of hysterectomy procedures, and with \$238 million to \$7.76 billion spent annually on obstetric outcomes attributed to fibroids in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Uterine fibroid are estimated to cause \$1.6 billion to \$17.2 billion in annual lost work cost through absenteeism and short-term disability in women between 25 and 54 years of age, with a total cost to the United States of \$5.9 billion to \$34.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dallas can encourage awareness of and education about the condition to increase knowledge of uterine fibroids and to improve methods of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a public education campaign including health seminars, medical information panels, community programs, and funding opportunities would empower and inform residents of the City of Dallas about uterine fibroids and would encourage earlier diagnosis, more research, better treatment options, and eventually a cure for uterine fibroids; and

WHEREAS, Observation of Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month in the month of July can assist in the aforementioned efforts, support and encourage women to engage in healthy dialogue, and promote a positive community; and

WHEREAS, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, Louisiana recognize Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month in July.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2021 as

UTERINE FIBROIDS AWARENESS MONTH

In Dallas, Texas.

Mayor, City of Dallas

