



# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Deaf Awareness Month, celebrated nationally every September, is an opportunity to promote understanding about the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deaf population includes those who were born profoundly deaf and use American Sign Language (ASL) as their primary means of communication; it also includes individuals with varying degrees of hearing loss who use hearing aids or other forms of hearing amplification and communication methods; and

**WHEREAS**, people who are Deaf or hard-of-hearing experience unique challenges that significantly impact their daily lives, including lack of access to language services or hearing assistive devices; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris County is committed to ensuring that deaf individuals have access to the resources and services necessary to lead fulfilling and quality lives; and

**WHEREAS**, several of the County's Departments, including Public Health, the District Attorney's Office, and Clerk's Office, provide valuable assistance, such as ASL interpreters and hearing devices for the Deaf community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby respectfully observes the month of September as

## **DEAF AWARENESS MONTH**

to advocate for and promote greater accessibility and inclusion of the Deaf community.

**It is hereby ORDERED that this Resolution be included in the minutes of Commissioners Court this 19th day of September 2024.**

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Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

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Rodney Ellis  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Adrian Garcia  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Lesley Briones  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

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Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk  
Harris County, TEXAS