



## A Resolution by Navarro County Commissioners' Court in Recognition of National Fentanyl Awareness Day

**WHEREAS,** the health and public safety of Texans is endangered by the smuggling of fentanyl and other opioids across the southern border; and

**WHEREAS,** illicit fentanyl is manufactured in Chinese labs and distributed to Mexican drug cartels, who manufacture counterfeit prescription and recreational drugs laced with fentanyl for sale in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, at 50-100 times the potency of morphine, a dose of fentanyl as small as 2 mg.--the size of a snowflake--can shut down a person's respiratory and neurological functions within seconds, leading to rapid death without critical intervention; and

**WHEREAS,** from August 2022 to 2023, there were approximately 5,566 drug-related deaths in Texas, 45% of which involved fentanyl, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and five Texans die every day from fentanyl poisoning, as reported by Texas Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Song for Charlie, a national family-run nonprofit charity dedicated to raising awareness about 'fentapills' — fake pills made of fentanyl, hosts National Fentanyl Awareness Day on May 7, 2024 to bring together individuals, parents, teachers, corporations, influences, community groups, and government entities to help put an end to this emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navarro County Commissioners' Court is committed to raising awareness of the dangers of fentanyl poisoning and combating the proliferation of deadly illicit drugs in Texas;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Commissioners of Navarro County, recognize May 7, 2024 as National Fentanyl Awareness Day in Navarro County, Texas.

In witness thereof, signed on this 25th day of March, 2024:

H.M. Davenport, Jr.

Jason Grant, Precinct 1 Commissioner

Eddie Perry, Precinct 2 Commissioner

Eddie Moore, Precinct 3 Commissioner

David Brewer, Precinct 4 Commissioner

Sherry Dowd, County Clerk