



May 13, 2022,

Greetings City of Dallas family,

This past Tuesday, I attended the Dallas Police Department's 2022 Police Memorial Ceremony. It was a humbling experience as I sat, watched, and listened to participants honor and recognize our officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice of losing their lives while in the line of duty. I am thankful for their service. Every day, we ask a great deal of the men and women in blue. We expect them to provide public safety, serve as front-line workers, respond to incidents involving domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health challenges, and homelessness, often with limited resources. Police Chief Eddie Garcia said that officers placed the safety of our city in front of their own. They stood tall and brave on our cherished line in the defense of humankind. They did so, so that others can live because this uniform means something incredible to them – a definition of sacrifice.

Last year, even as the COVID-19 pandemic took a physical, mental, and emotional toll, on our officers, they came to work, displayed courage, dedication, and continued to support our City. If you should come in contact with our officers, let them know how much you appreciate them and the job they are doing.

I have been emphasizing May as Mental Health Awareness month. I cannot stress enough the importance of taking care of your mental wellbeing. The recent suicides of two of our Dallas firefighters, prompted me, the Mayor and City Council to award paid mental health leave for firefighters and all City of Dallas employees. I implore you to take full advantage of this benefit and all supporting resources through our Employee Assistance Program, better known as Magellan. We are offering special resources, tools and webinars throughout the month to help you: live in the moment, build on your strengths; adopt a self-care routine and more. Visit www.magellanascend.com for details.

Finally, I want to recognize the following Street Outreach and Advocacy staff from the Office of Homeless Solutions: **Lisa Blouin, Barry Dyson, Alonzo Grape, Rudy Perez, and Christie Whitehead.**

Who have hearts filled for service and constantly go above and beyond to ensure that those experiencing homelessness are connected to services and are cared for with the respect and dignity they deserve. They are all "go getters," who take on any task needed without hesitation or complaint and think outside of the box to help our unsheltered neighbors.

Enjoy your weekend and don't forget to root for our beloved Dallas Mavericks in game 7 of the NBA Conference Semifinal against the Phoenix Suns on Sunday, May 15th. Go MAVS!

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for all that you do for our residents. Enjoy your weekend and please exercise caution from the extreme heat we are experiencing. Stay cool and remember to hydrate and I will see you next week.

In the Spirit of Excellence!



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