



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

RECEIVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JEANETTE KINARD, DIRECTOR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC DEFENDER, ON HER RETIREMENT FROM TRAVIS COUNTY

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached proclamation recognizing the service of Jeanette Kinard on her retirement from Travis County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHEMENTS:

Draft proclamation.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a .pdf to David Salazar in the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

WHEREAS, service, dedication and leadership should always be recognized, and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Kinard, J.D. has steadfastly provided leadership, expertise, and wise counsel in the development and implementation of the Travis County Mental Health Public Defender, the first stand-alone public defender office in the nation, dedicated to serving those effected by mental illness, and

WHEREAS, under her direction, the Travis County Mental Health Public Defender has significantly decreased recidivism and increased positive outcomes for people affected by mental illness, and become an example of best practices recognized throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, she has devoted more than past thirty years in service to the citizens of Travis County as a prosecutor, then private defense attorney, and finally as Director of the Travis County Mental Health Public Defender Office, and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her commitment to service, dedication to her profession and courage of leadership through her willingness to assume these responsibilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Travis County Commissioners Court of the State of Texas recognize the contributions of Jeanette Kinard, JD, to the citizens, officials and employees of Travis County and wish her happiness and continuing good health as she embarks on this next phase of her life.