

RESOLUTION

"The hand of destiny guided me to Taylor. I came to stay a few years; I remained to do my life's work." Dr. James Dickey

WHEREAS Dr. Dickey a prominent black physician who lived and practiced in Taylor, TX established a 3-bed medical clinic that expanded to a 15-bed hospital with modern surgical and obstetrical facilities. He was the only black physician in Williamson County, and only one of 130 black doctors in Texas.

WHEREAS Dr. Dickey curbed a typhoid epidemic spreading through Taylor's black population in 1933. He went tirelessly through the community giving injections to all who would take them. As with his other services, Dr. Dickey treated all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

WHEREAS Dr. Dickey also had a profound impact on public health. He realized that many of the community's health problems were due to using unsafe drinking water from Bull Branch Creek and worked with town leaders to provide a city water hydrant in each section of town where it was needed for citizens to fill buckets with clean water for their personal use.

WHEREAS Dr. Dickey also helped develop recreational facilities, including a park for African American youth, a community center building, and later, a balcony at the Taylor Amusement Company where black citizens could attend movies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court declare that February 28th, 2028, be proclaimed Dr. James Lee Dickey Day in Williamson County to honor the impact he made on the health and human rights far beyond its borders.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members