WHEREAS, encephalitis is inflammation of the brain; and

WHEREAS, encephalitis can strike anyone, anywhere, at any time, and at any age, resulting in a serious and sometimes life-threatening medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, encephalitis impacts an estimated 20,000 people in the United States and 500,000 people globally each year; and

WHEREAS, encephalitis leaves survivors with an acquired brain injury, affecting not only the diagnosed individual but the entire family and community at large; and

WHEREAS, the 501©(3) organization Encephalitis411 strives to improve the quality of life for all those impacted by encephalitis; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, MAYOR OF DALLAS, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2023 as

ENCEPHALITIS AWARENESS DAY

in Dallas, Texas. I encourage residents to support World Encephalitis Day and to learn the symptoms of encephalitis in order to raise awareness and better support early diagnosis and treatment for those who become ill with this neurological condition.

Mayor, The City of Dallas