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Fort Bend County Judge KP George Celebrates National Nurses Day

Recognizes Fort Bend County Health and Human Service Director

(FORT BEND, TX) – In celebration of National Nurses Day, Fort Bend County Judge KP George today recognized Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Director Dr. Jacqueline Minter for her leadership and service displayed during the COVID-19 crisis.

Additional recognitions include the nursing and clinical staff of Fort Bend County’s Rosenberg and Missouri City Annex, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital represented by Regional Senior Vice President and CEO Chris Siebenaler, San Jose Clinic, nurse leaders, and nursing associations.

“We all know that during the COVID-19 pandemic it was our nurses and doctors who were on the frontlines, putting their own lives at risk to treat patients under the most trying circumstance during this unprecedented global pandemic,” said, Judge George. “The shining light during this dark time was our physicians and health care workers. Their professionalism, hard work, thoughtfulness, and commitment during this period in history showed how well we can all work together.”

George was elected Fort Bend County Judge in 2019, a little over a year into his administration, Fort Bend County Health and Human Services reported the first positive test result for COVID-19 in Texas on March 4, 2020. Dr. Jacqueline Minter, was appointed as director of the Fort Bend County Health & Human Services Department, less than a month before this first case was discovered.

“March 4, 2020, is a date that will stand out in my mind forever. Dr. Minter came on board as our Health and Human Services Director on February 1 of that year,

what a way to start your new job.” stated Judge George. “Since that time, our Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Department have done an outstanding job with COVID testing and vaccine administration. Our staff at the Rosenberg and Missouri City Annex are heroes who have emerged from this crisis.”

During the event, Dr. Minter announced the two recipients of the 2022 Nancy Drake Professional Development Scholarship, which was created to help assist nurses at all stages of their nursing careers, to continue their education. Joyce Brown and Alma Rangel each received \$2,500 to go towards receiving their master's degrees.

Judge George concluded the celebration by issuing certificates of appreciation to Fort Bend HHS staff, Betty Gonzalez, Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at Houston Methodist Sugarland Hospital, and Maria Gordon, ICU Charge Nurse at Houston Methodist Sugarland Hospital.





