

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO   §**

**WHEREAS**, various Rio Grande Valley governmental departments and agencies are responsible for the safety and security of citizens within their jurisdictions through such functions as emergency management, law enforcement and the delivery of other essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of catastrophic accidents or disasters, emergencies, day-to-day incidents or planning for major events, it is highly important that these Rio Grande Valley governmental departments and agencies be able to share vital voice and data information across jurisdictions to successfully respond to such events; and

**WHEREAS**, these Rio Grande Valley governmental departments and agencies have a variety of communications systems in place, often with limited coverage of population and geography and with limited ability to communicate seamlessly both within and among departments and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, many Rio Grande Valley governmental departments and agencies also have similar limitations on their abilities to communicate during emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo recognizes the significance of interoperable technology to enable communications among Rio Grande Valley departments and agencies in times of catastrophic accidents or disasters, emergencies, day-to-day incidents or planning for major events, to enhance the public's safety and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the attainment of interoperable communications requires Rio Grande Valley regional coordination and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo further recognizes that various Rio Grande Valley governmental representatives have formed the "Rio Grande Valley Communications Group" (a copy of its Charter is attached) to establish a consolidated, regional communications interoperability operation to coordinate the use of public safety communications amongst Rio Grande Valley governmental departments and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo desires to join the "Rio Grande Valley Communications Group" as a charter member agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, TEXAS THAT:**

1. The County of Hidalgo will participate as a member of the "Rio Grande Valley Communications Group".

2. The County of Hidalgo designates Sheriff Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño as its official representative to the Board of Directors of the "Rio Grande Valley Communications Group." Chief Deputy Anacleto Martinez is designated as the County of Hidalgo alternate representative in the event the primary representative cannot attend a Board of Directors meeting.

3. The County of Hidalgo will support and assist, if requested to do so, the Rio Grande Valley Communications Group in furthering its goal of achieving successful interoperability communications amongst Rio Grande Valley local governments who are members of the "Rio Grande Valley Communications Group."

4. This resolution is in effect immediately.

**READ, CONSIDERED, PASSED, APPROVED, and SIGNED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, at a regular meeting of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

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By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

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Arturo Guajardo, Jr.  
Hidalgo County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Josephine Ramirez  
Assistant Criminal District Attorney-County Affairs