

**RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARDS ABSTRACT AND TITLE COMPANY FOR PROVIDING
135 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Co. was founded in 1880 by Judge James Henry Edwards who gathered land and deed records for both Hidalgo and Starr Counties with the assistance of early settlers and old records; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Jesse D. Hedrick purchased Edwards Abstract and Title Co. from the Edwards family and opened its headquarters in the heart of downtown Edinburg; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Byron Jay Lewis purchased the company from Hedrick and presently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. His leadership has enhanced the quality of the life of over 80 employees and their families who share in the operation of the company; and

WHEREAS, during Lewis' tenure the company has introduced state of the art technology and equipment, offering the most innovative products and services; and

WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Co. is the largest independently owned title insurance provider in the South Texas region with seven locations spread across Hidalgo and Cameron counties; and

WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Co. is a strong philanthropic supporter and contributor, volunteering and giving back to community organizations such as Rotary Clubs, local Chambers of Commerce, Women's Council of Realtors, Rio Grande Valley Builders Association, and Hidalgo County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Co. will proudly accomplish another milestone as they commemorate the company's 135th anniversary of service to the community and real estate industry professionals with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 7, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes Edwards Abstract and Title Co. and congratulates its leadership and employees for being a shining example of a successful small business as it commemorates its 135th anniversary of service to the community and to the real estate industry.

Dated this 28th, day of April 2015.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct.3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk