

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION LONE STAR 2015

**WHEREAS**, Operation Lone Star is a real-time, large-scale emergency preparedness exercise that provides collaborative medical services uniting federal, state, regional and local health and human service agencies, Texas Military Forces, local service groups and volunteers in one of the largest public health humanitarian efforts in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, every summer since 1998, Operation Lone Star has provided free medical care to thousands of underserved south Texas residents, including the Rio Grande Valley, for which many consider the operation to be the only medical care they receive all year; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County's hosting of the operation's yearly ceremonial event commemorating the provision of immunizations, blood pressure checks, cholesterol and diabetes screenings, hearing and vision exams, physicals for students and dental services; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the military personnel serving at Operation Lone Star are members of the Texas State Guard – which is one of three branches of the Texas Military Forces, operating under the command of the Adjutant General of Texas and the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of all state military forces. The TXMF includes the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Texas State Guard is to provide support to the State of Texas during disasters impacting the civilian population of the State of Texas and this support is executed under the operational control of the Adjutant General.

**WHEREAS**, Operation Lone Star 2015 will be a week-long (5 day) exercise involving mass medical countermeasures providing medical, dental and vision services via multi-location and sponsored by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the 2015 commencement of Operation Lone Star and recognizes the benefits of the annual event to the citizens and residents of the great State of Texas.**

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2015.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct.3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk