



BiNED Zone

BiNational Economic Development Zone

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the elected members of this governing body believe that the path to a more secure and prosperous border region lies in creating the conditions necessary to foster innovative, competitive, integrated and collaborative strategies;

WHEREAS, BiNED is an innovative, competitive and integrated bi-national organization designed to enhance the competitive advantages of the South Texas – Tamaulipas international border and incorporates both sides of the border into a seamless entity that will endorse, promote and secure the vitality of the region;

WHEREAS, the objective of BiNED is to create a competitive US – Mexico mega-region to attract investment in advanced (Intelligent) manufacturing in order to create jobs and promote a prosperous region in a sustainable and equitable manner.;

WHEREAS, cooperation across jurisdictional boundaries will allow the region to capture a significant share of the re-shoring and near-shoring of manufacturing back to North America, and can transform the economic landscape of our communities and will increase the economic prosperity of our region, our residents and our businesses;

WHEREAS, uniting through BiNED will allow our communities to capitalize on both our individual and joint strengths and to overcome any disadvantages which result from competing among and against ourselves rather than joining forces to compete with others across the hemisphere and the globe; and,

WHEREAS, the founding directors of BiNED have established an organizational framework intended to insure that the mega-region flourishes even as it preserves, protects and maximizes the advantages of each of the communities within the bi-national region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

We, the elected members of this governing body accept the invitation to join BiNED and to work with the Counties of Hidalgo and Cameron and cities throughout our region in a spirit of unity and cooperation to maximize the potential of our region.

Tony Martinez
Mayor of Brownsville

Chris Boswell
Mayor of Harlingen

Leticia Salazar Vasquez
Mayor of Matamoros

Jim Darling
Mayor of McAllen

Richard H. Garcia
Mayor of Edinburg

José Elías Leal
Mayor of Reynosa

Pete Sepulveda, Jr.
Cameron County Judge

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge