

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1598  
RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISASTER IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR A  
STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County and their emergency management personnel take their responsibility to protect the health, welfare and safety of its residents during a disaster seriously; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1598, authored by Representative Armando “Mando” Martinez and filed in the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, is meant to establish a disaster identification system for a state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.004 of the Government Code will be amended by adding an “illuminated display” which means a device that displays blue, green, red, and yellow colors or the color white and displays a flashing and a steady light; and

WHEREAS, upon an executive order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster, it will activate the disaster recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the state emergency management plan applicable to the area subject to the declaration; and

WHEREAS, it authorizes the deployment and use of any forces to which the plan applies and the use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, and materials or facilities assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available; and

WHEREAS, in an area subject to a declaration of a state of disaster, a person may use an illuminated display to communicate with disaster relief personnel, which may patrol the designated disaster area by air or ground at night to locate persons with activated illuminated displays ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court supports House Bill 1598 which establishes a disaster identification system for a state of disaster that would greatly improve the ability of emergency response personnel to locate victims during a disaster event.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk