

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
HIDALGO COUNTY TOBACCO PREVENTION & CONTROL COALITION**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition was established in February 2014 to prevent tobacco use among adolescents, increase tobacco cessation and eliminate exposure to second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition is to promote and advocate for a tobacco-free environment by empowering communities to affect individual and social change, and promote compliance and support for enforcement of all tobacco laws; and

WHEREAS, the organization was created at Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas and is comprised of cross-community volunteers with representation from multiple sectors such as public health agencies, education service centers, law enforcement, school districts, civic volunteer organizations, faith-based groups, private businesses and media; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 72 smoke-free cities in the State of Texas, including 16 in the Rio Grande Valley. In Hidalgo County the cities of Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Mercedes, Pharr, San Juan, Mission, Peñitas, Weslaco, and Palmview have implemented 100% Comprehensive Smoke-Free Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in just three short years, their strong outreach efforts and collaboration with municipalities across Hidalgo County has resulted in achieving the highest number of cities in the State of Texas with comprehensive smoke-free ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes the Hidalgo County Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition for their commitment to educating our community on the dangers of tobacco use and for helping protect over 370,000 workers, residents, and consumers from second hand smoke.

Approved this 30th day of May 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk