

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 16, 2018 AS JUNETEENTH JUBILEE DAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAMING OF RESTLAWN CEMETERY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth – an official Texas State holiday to honor the legacy of African Americans past and present – has been celebrated in Texas since 1980 and in Hidalgo County since the early 1900s, and;

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Historical Commission has worked diligently since 1993 to promote and sustain the observance of this holiday, which has been attended and supported by various county representatives throughout the years, and;

WHEREAS, Edinburg’s Restlawn Cemetery received a historic cemetery designation in 2004 and a state historical marker in 2007, which was dedicated in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edinburg Library and Cultural Arts is hosting the Juneteenth Jubilee on Saturday, June 16, 2018. The schedule includes a 25th Anniversary Memorial Observance from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Restlawn Cemetery, an Annual Reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sekula Memorial Library, and a Juneteenth Festival from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Edinburg City Hall Courtyard; and

WHEREAS, that an official copy of this proclamation will be prepared for Hillcrest Memorial Park and the former Skinner-Silva Funeral Home in gratitude for their assistance in the establishment, ninety years ago, of what has become known as Restlawn Cemetery, their many years of service to the African American community, and their participation for twenty-five years in Edinburg’s Historical Observance of Juneteenth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 16, 2018, as Hidalgo County Juneteenth Jubilee Day and encourages all residents of Hidalgo County to come together in celebration of the freedom legacy of African Americans, their important contributions to the betterment of Texas life, and to reaffirm our commitment to achieve an ever advancing prosperity for all people.

Approved this 22nd day of May 2018.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk