

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MILITARIZATION OF THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is one of several Texas counties that shares a border and numerous ports of entry with Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the current federal administration is sending military personnel to the southern border in response to an expected increase in the number of individuals requesting asylum at the ports of entry, including to Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, individuals from Central America travel to the United States to request asylum because of a complex set of social and economic factors that cannot be resolved solely by the stationing of military personnel at the southern border to prevent potential asylees from arriving in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States offer people the right to request asylum at United States ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County may be negatively impacted by increased militarization of its border with regards to trade and other economic partnerships between Hidalgo County and Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby requests that, until further measures can be worked out by Congress and/or the United Nations, we treat all immigrants in a humane manner and that Congress work on a long-term solution that does not permanently militarize the border.

Approved this 6TH day of November 2018.

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