

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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**DECLARATION OF SUPPORT TO
4PLADD, INC BY THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the 4PLADD, INC, d/b/a Safe Haven for Kids (“Safe Haven for Kids”), has requested that Hidalgo County (the “County”) support its efforts to provide services to abused children in the county;

WHEREAS, child abuse, neglect or abandonment is recognized as a national significant problem and;

WHEREAS, in Hidalgo County alone there is an average of 45 children being removed from their homes every month. These vulnerable children are often taken to shelters in San Antonio, Corpus Christi or Laredo or they spend many nights at Child Protective Services (“CPS”) offices.

WHEREAS, Local Government Code Section 381.004 (e) and (f) permit the Commissioners Court of a county to support a children’s advocacy center that provides services to abused children from unclaimed property monies received from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as described in Local Government Code Section 381.004 (e); and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has found it is in the best interest of the County’s residents to support Safe Haven for Kids by providing funds as allowed by Local Government Code Section 381.004.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 381, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas (the “County”) does hereby tender to Safe Haven for Kids, located at 1700 N. Alamo Rd., Alamo, Texas, the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00). The amount tendered to Safe Haven for Kids, is to be used only for the furtherance of the purposes set forth below:

- To operate and staff an emergency shelter for children newborn to 17 years of age.
- To provide services determined to be needed for abused children who have been removed from their home by CPS because of abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- To coordinate the activities of governmental entities relating to child abuse investigations and delivery of services to child abuse victims.

Safe Haven for Kids agrees to allow the County Auditor or representatives the right, upon reasonable notice, to review and audit all books and records of Safe Haven for

Kids, by the acceptance of this monetary support, warrants and represents that this support shall be held, administered, and used in accordance with all the terms and conditions in this instrument.

Passed and Approved on this the 11th day of December, 2018 by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

SAFE HAVEN FOR KIDS

Angela Ridling, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney