

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2019, THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID COURT FOR SUCH MEETING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041 ET SEQ. VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES (THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT) TO BE CONSIDERED:

“DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 13, H.J.R. 81 BY REPRESENTATIVE DADE PHELAN AND S.B. 1521, S.J.R. 51 BY SENATOR JUAN “CHUY” HINOJOSA RELATING TO FUNDING OF FLOOD PLANNING, MITIGATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS”

WHEREAS, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FLOOD PRONE AREAS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH STATE LEADERS ON MITIGATION, FLOOD PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS RELATED TO DRAINAGE; AND

WHEREAS, HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS RAIN EVENTS OVER THE YEARS AND BECAUSE OF A NEED TO HAVE A MULTI-PLANNING EFFORT, UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELAN WILL INCLUDE PLANNING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION, PREPARING APPLICATIONS FOR AND OBTAINING REGULATORY APPROVALS AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVELS, AND PREPARING ENGINEERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL OR NONSTRUCTURAL FLOOD MITIGATION AND DRAINAGE; AND

WHEREAS, H.B. 13, H.J.R. 81, S.B. 1521 AND S.J.R. 51 ALSO INCLUDES A “FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND” FOR LOANS OR GRANTS THAT WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE TO ENTITIES LIKE HIDALGO COUNTY FOR FLOOD PROJECTS; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER THE PROPOSED DRAFT LEGISLATION IN H.B. 13, H.J.R. 81, S.B. 1521 AND S.J.R. 51; HIDALGO COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS AND APPLY FOR THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT ARE APPROPRIATED SHOULD THE LEGISLATION BE APPROVED; AND

WHEREAS, FLOOD MITIGATION AND CONSTRUCTION IS A PRIORITY TO HIDALGO COUNTY IN THEIR CONTINUED PURSUIT TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR ITS TAXPAYERS AND RESIDENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE WAYS TO FUND PROJECTS THAT WILL ALLEVIATE FLOODING AND DAMAGE TO HOUSES AND BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, HIDALGO COUNTY SUPPORTS THIS LEGISLATION BECAUSE IT WILL ADD ANOTHER FUNDING COMPONENT TO ITS ABILITY TO SEEK FUNDS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND SOUTH TEXAS, AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT URGES THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT H.B. 13, H.J.R. 81, S.B. 1521 AND S.J.R. 51 INCLUDING FUNDING FOR THE BILL.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WISHES TO SUPPORT H.B. 13, H.J.R. 81 BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELAN AND S.B. 1521, S.J.R. 51 BY SENATOR HINOJOSA TO ADDRESS FLOOD PLANNING, MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN HIDALGO COUNTY.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019, BY THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

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RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
COUNTY JUDGE

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DAVID L. FUNTES  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

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ELLIE TORRES  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4