

## **RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF 2019 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, since 1949, the National Civic League has annually recognized and celebrated the best in American civic innovation with a prestigious All-America City Award. This year, the City of Mission, Texas showed how a determined community can tackle tough issues and create real change; and

**WHEREAS**, a town at the southern tip of Texas, Mission has a little over 83,000 residents, 88% of which are Latino. The town prioritizes civic engagement, partly through the establishment of an All-America Inclusive Committee, which oversees city efforts regarding inclusivity in decision-making. Some of the ways in which residents get involved in community affairs include an annual Wellness Ride cycling event, stocking the city's food pantry, and Mission Pawsible, a foster care program that helps rescue animals and host them for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, Mission was recognized as one of 10 All-America City award winners. The National Civic League presented this honor to recognize the City of Mission's work in inclusive civic engagement to create stronger connections among residents, business, and government leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission brings its diverse populace together by offering a free tennis program to low-income residents and the visually impaired; economic empowerment projects including training, grants, and internships; and a food and service center for people living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mission is an example of excellence in Hidalgo County. Receiving this prestigious honor brings positive news coverage and promotes our area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate the City of Mission, Texas as an All-America City and commends the work of the elected officials, staff, and volunteers in promoting excellence.

**Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.**

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**

County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**

County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**

County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOE M. FLORES**

County Commissioner, Pct.3

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**ELLIE TORRES**

County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**

County Clerk