

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2019 MANUFACTURING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, for generations, manufacturing has played a critical role in Texas' diverse economy. Texas is home to over 17,500 manufacturing firms, 80 of which are located in Hidalgo County; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing in Texas constitutes 13.3 percent of the total output in the state, totaling approximately \$247 billion in exports of manufactured goods in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers in Texas employ 7.1 percent of the workforce, an estimated 910,000 manufacturing employees, including 7,500 in Hidalgo County; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers pay millions of dollars annually, supporting schools, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services. Manufacturing jobs enable Texas families to realize the dream of owning a home, sending a child to college, and enjoying a secure retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, National Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October and the month of October is annually celebrated as National Manufacturing Month; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are encouraged to support the work of manufacturing companies by purchasing products manufactured in Hidalgo County and in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, to celebrate Manufacturing Month, entities across Hidalgo County, including the South Texas Manufacturers Association, Workforce Solutions, manufacturing companies, cities, economic development corporations, colleges, school districts, and others in relevant fields, are partnering to host various events to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim October 2019 as Manufacturing Month in Hidalgo County and recognizes the valuable contributions that manufacturing companies and their employees provide to our communities.

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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