

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CITY OF WESLACO ON ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, proud citizens of Weslaco celebrated the 100th anniversary of their city with a series of events from December 6 to 10, 2019, and

**WHEREAS, Weslaco** was founded in 1919, when the W. E. Stewart Land Company, from which the city's name is derived, sold 30,000 acres to founders Ed Couch, Dan Couch, R.C. Couch, and R. L. Reeves; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1920 Weslaco had acquired a post office, a chamber of commerce, and a bank, and the Weslaco Independent School District was established the following year. The city has been an agricultural center throughout its history, and today boasts a diverse population of more than 40,000 residents, who have fostered a strong tradition of civic engagement and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, Weslaco's five-day celebration included a pioneer families exhibit, musical performances, a barbecue cook-off, a costume parade, a bike ride, a 5k run, several Christmas events, and the screening of a documentary about the town; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating their rich history as they work together to build a bright future, the people of Weslaco may take great pride in the important role their city continues to play in the story of Hidalgo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court honors the City of Weslaco on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 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