

*Resolution in Recognition of
Edwards Abstract And Title Company's
140th Anniversary*

- Whereas* Edwards Abstract and Title Company was founded in 1880 by Judge James Henry Edwards who was devoted to gathering land and deed records for both Hidalgo and Starr Counties; and
- Whereas* Judge James Henry Edwards practiced law and operated the abstract business with his family until his death on March 3, 1925; and
- Whereas* on January 1, 1984 Jesse D Hedrick purchased Edwards Abstract and Title Company from the Edwards family with its headquarters located at 208 W. Cano Street in the heart of downtown Edinburg, Texas; and
- Whereas* Mr. Hedrick's vision and foresight regarding the future growth of the Rio Grande Valley, during his leadership, expanded locations to McAllen, Weslaco, Mission and Sharyland Plantation.; and
- Whereas* Byron Jay Lewis joined Edwards Abstract and Title Company on Aril 1, 1999 as a partner and was privileged to purchase the company on October 1, 2001, where he serves as President and Chief Executive Officer; and
- Whereas* Edwards Abstract and Title Company is celebrating its 140th anniversary; and
- Whereas* Edwards Abstract and Title Company is recognized as a strong supporter and contributor of many civic and non-profit organizations in the Rio Grande Valley and throughout the State of Texas; and
- Whereas* Edwards Abstract and Title Company is the second oldest title company in the State of Texas; and
- Whereas* effective March 2020, Edwards Abstract and Title Company is the largest independently owned title insurance provider in the South Texas Region with eight (8) locations.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes Edwards Abstract and Title Company for 140 years of business in the field of Title Insurance services in Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley.

Approved this 19th day of May 2020.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk