

Proclamation declaring October 22 J. A. Gonzalez Day

Whereas

Dr. J.A. Gonzalez was named Texas Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in a virtual announcement during the 2020 annual TASA/TASB convention held in Austin, TX; and

Whereas

as the first winner ever from McAllen ISD and a veteran educator of 25 years who has worked his way up the ladder beginning as a Teacher; Assistant Principal; Principal; then an Associate Superintendent for Instructional Leadership. Before becoming McAllen ISD Superintendent in 2016, over the years he has demonstrated strong skills in Educational Consulting, Classroom Management, Lesson Planning, Educational Systems and Instructional Design over the years; and

Whereas

born in Laredo, Dr. Gonzalez was raised in Hebbronville. He graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1996 and earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1999. Between 2000 and 2003, he earned his Mid-Management Administrator and Superintendent Certifications. His Doctorate of Education with an emphasis in Educational Leadership was completed in 2008 through the University of Texas-Pan American; and

Whereas

Dr. Gonzalez is married to Shahroo T. Gonzalez, also an educator, sharing a household family with three children Joe Douglas, Samantha Isabella, and Joshua Jay; and

Whereas

having been a great role model to his family, community and McAllen ISD students, Dr. Gonzalez states, "I am fascinated with the art of teaching and learning. We all have a particular learning style, and it is our job, as educators, to help our students discover their talents and to build on their natural skill sets."

Now therefore, be it proclaimed

that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court honors Dr. J.A. Gonzalez for his distinguished recognition as Texas Superintendent of the Year by proclaiming October 22 Dr. J.A. Gonzalez Day and applauds his educational service towards McAllen ISD for having led the transformation in March of 2020 addressing the COVID-19 pandemic's impact that kept instruction at the forefront, while keeping students and staff safe.

Approved this 6th day of October 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