

*Resolution in Support of E-Filing in the County of Hidalgo*

- Whereas* the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court supports a local measure that would allow for imposition of an electronic filing transaction fee in Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* said local measure would allow courts in Hidalgo County to charge a fee in the amount set by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for each electronic filing transaction filed in the courts of Hidalgo County through an electronic filing system, not to exceed \$2.00; and
- Whereas* the fee amount is reasonable and necessary to reimburse the county for the system operating costs (maintenance and infrastructure) incurred by the county to accept electronic document filings, electronic payment methods; or communicate with other technology information systems, and help maintain overall cybersecurity; and
- Whereas* the actual total amount expended by the County of Hidalgo for technological infrastructure and maintenance has exceeded \$1,641,494 as of December 2020; and
- Whereas* the fee does not include an amount to reimburse county employee costs, other than the direct costs incurred in maintaining the system for the use of the entire judicial system and the public.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports and approves the imposition and the amount of the fee using the county's standard fee approval process.

***Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.***

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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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**EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk