

*Resolution expressing gratitude to the Hidalgo County  
front line workers during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic*

- Whereas* today marks the 439<sup>th</sup> day that Hidalgo County has been working under an emergency operations status because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas* the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department as well as the Division of Emergency Management has taken a lead in coordinating local efforts to educate, test, treat and vaccinate for COVID-19 in the interest of public safety; and
- Whereas* a strong regional response has emerged in the form of partnerships to help with ancillary challenges emerging from the pandemic, including but not limited to providing emergency food supplies for the food insecure; feeding school children who were forced to stay home; extending internet access to allow children to continue learning from home; providing mortgage and rental assistance; providing small business grants; providing funeral expenses; and
- Whereas* these challenges to the community and the unified government response to these challenges exemplified what Hidalgo County can accomplish when working toward a common purpose; and
- Whereas* entities such as local municipalities and local educational institutions working in tandem with hospitals, medical technicians, first responders and other healthcare providers for the greater good of Hidalgo County residents; and
- Whereas* evidence suggesting that Hidalgo County has weathered the worst of this pandemic and that the community is beginning to emerge mostly vaccinated and grateful for the tremendous efforts taken on its behalf by these front line workers; and
- Whereas* the community remains mindful that the threat of COVID-19 still exists, but that with the proper precautions, the foremost one being getting vaccinated, Hidalgo County may actively look to the recovery phase of this emergency.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court acknowledges the power of the region working toward a common purpose, and recognizes the tremendous efforts taken in the interest of public safety by front line workers and first responders as well as our healthcare providers; and

*Be it further resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court publicly proclaims its gratitude for these efforts despite the dangers of this deadly disease on behalf of the residents of Hidalgo County to include, but not limited to the following entities:

*The Cities of:*

- Donna
- Alamo
- Alton
- McAllen
- Edcouch
- Mercedes
- Granjeno
- Palmview
- Penitas
- Palmhurst
- Pharr
- Edinburg
- Elsa
- Hidalgo
- La Joya
- La Villa
- Progreso
- Progreso Lakes
- San Juan
- Sullivan City
- Weslaco
- Mission

*Hospitals:*

- Rio Grande Regional Hospital
- Doctors Hospital at Renaissance
- South Texas Health Heart Hospital
- Edinburg Regional Hospital
- Edinburg Children’s Hospital
- McAllen Medical Center
- Mission Regional Medical Center
- South Texas Health System Heart
- Knapp Medical Center

*Schools and Universities:*

- La Villa ISD
- Donna ISD
- Edinburg CISD
- Sharyland ISD
- Monte Alto ISD
- La Joya ISD
- Edcouch-Elsa ISD
- Weslaco ISD
- Pharr\*San Juan\*Alamo ISD
- Mission CISD
- IDEA Public Schools
- Mercedes ISD
- Hidalgo ISD Pharr
- Valley View ISD
- McAllen ISD
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Progreso ISD
- South Texas College
- Valle Grande Institute
- South Texas VO TECH
- RGV College
- South Texas Training Center
- College of Healthcare Professions
- Texas A&M

*Other Entities:*

- U.S. Border Patrol
- Nuestra Clinica del Valle
- Veterans Administration
- Area paramedics and firefighters

***Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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