

*Resolution in honor of Chief Rene Gonzalez for 35 years of service*

*Whereas* Chief Rene Gonzalez is being honored for his exceptional work and dedication to the citizens of Hidalgo County after serving with distinction and integrity for the past 35 years as a law enforcement officer; and

*Whereas* Chief Gonzalez first joined the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office in 1986 as a patrol officer, quickly moving up the ranks to Field Training Officer and then Narcotics Investigator. After 14 years he transferred to the Hidalgo County High Drug Intensity Trafficking Area Taskforce for the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office in 2000; and

*Whereas* in 2005, he returned to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office as a Captain and during his eight years in the department he rose to the rank of Division Commander where he supervised the jail and served under the administration; and

*Whereas* in 2013, he was hired by Precinct 3 Constable Larry Gallardo to be the Chief Deputy and supervised daily operations at the constable's office; and

*Whereas* during his esteemed career, Chief Gonzalez has been recognized for this outstanding work as an officer receiving a Master Peace Officers Certificate, an award from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, as well as becoming a Certified Public Manager through the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and

*Whereas* the Mission native and Sharyland High School graduate is looking forward to spending time with his wife Keri and the rest of his family.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and honors Chief Rene Gonzalez for his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment during his 35 years of service to Hidalgo County, and on this day wishes him a long, healthy and fruitful retirement.

**Approved this 25<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