

*Proclamation congratulating  
Fire Chief Jaime R. Guzman upon his retirement*

- Whereas* born in Linn-San Manuel, Texas to Jose Oscar and Maria Hilda Guzman, Jamie R. Guzman grew up as a country boy. The family, including his siblings: Joe Guzman, Dr. Anna Guzman, Becky Chavana and Elaine Hernandez, moved to Edinburg although it didn't stop them from splitting their time between city and ranch life; and
- Whereas* upon graduating from Edinburg High School, Jaime attended and graduated from Pan American University in 1982 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration; and
- Whereas* as he began his career as a firefighter in 1979 by becoming a volunteer firefighter for the Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Guzman later joined the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1982 dedicating his service to both communities; and
- Whereas* in 1984, Chief Guzman became a paid firefighter for the City of Pharr and was trained by the Harlingen Fire Academy in order to become a certified firefighter; and
- Whereas* in 1986, Chief Guzman pursued a career using his Business Administration Degree and began employment with the United States Small Business Administration. Throughout his career with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Chief Guzman continued to serve his community as a volunteer firefighter; and
- Whereas* in 1990, Chief Guzman returned to his true passion accepting the Fire Chief position for the City of Pharr where he proudly served until 2015 and later retired after twenty-five years of service; and
- Whereas* in 2017, Chief Guzman accepted the position of Fire Chief at the Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department. This newly established fire department needed a strong leader to help establish the protocols from the ground up; and
- Whereas* throughout his career as a firefighter, Chief Guzman dedicated his time to numerous boards and organizations such as the Texas Fire Chief's Association; Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors; and the Rio Grande Valley Fireman and Fire Marshall's Association. Chief Guzman's distinctions have included District and Regional Employee of the Small Business Association and Paid Fireman of the Year through the Pharr Volunteer Fire Department; and
- Whereas* in October 2021, Chief Guzman retired once more as Fire Chief of the Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department. He has decided to enjoy retirement by engaging in fishing, hunting, ranching, traveling and gardening. And although Chief Guzman has officially retired, he still plans to actively volunteer for the Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department.

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates Chief Jaime R. Guzman for over forty years of firefighting service. The Court thanks you for your service in keeping the residents of Hidalgo County safe and wishes you well with your journey through retirement.

**Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 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