

*Proclamation recognizing McAllen High School Steppers  
on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

- Whereas* dance is an integral part of comprehensive fine art programs in the State of Texas, offering young men and women an outlet to express themselves creatively, help them learn life skills, enjoy a sense of belonging, maintain good health and receive leadership opportunities; and
- Whereas* dance teams must demonstrate dance skills, along with commitment, attitude, initiative, teamwork, work ethic, enthusiasm, school spirit and personal pride; and
- Whereas* in 1970, a group of six young women from McAllen High School were presented with the opportunity and challenge to establish a program that incorporated dance into high school football halftime shows; and
- Whereas* the original founders of the McHi dance team, not only established a dance program, but also set the ground work for what is now a McAllen High School institution that known as the Steppers; and
- Whereas* today, the Steppers are a focal point of high school football games best known for their kick lines that are always met with standing ovations; and
- Whereas* in the Fall of 2020, the McHi Steppers celebrated 50 years of existence; and
- Whereas* on September 17, 2021, over 100 current and former Steppers throughout the decades of this program celebrated this monumental achievement by performing at a football halftime show and still generated support, cheers and standing ovations from the crowd in attendance.

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates the McAllen High School Steppers for providing over 50 years of joy and excitement to thousands of students and spectators across the County of Hidalgo in an exemplary manner.

*Approved this 16<sup>th</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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk