

*Proclamation honoring Edinburg North High School's Mariachi Oro
on its participation in the world famous Sundance Film Festival*

Whereas

the Sundance Film Festival is considered one of the ultimate gatherings for original storytellers and audiences seeking new voices and fresh perspective;

Whereas

in 2021, Mexican American filmmakers Alejandra Vasquez and Sam Osborn spent several months in the Rio Grande Valley documenting Edinburg North's Mariachi Oro and focusing on Coach Abel Acuna who had to prepare the band for state competition during the coronavirus epidemic while struggling with remote learning and limited resources; and;

Whereas

this year's Sundance Film Festival took place at The Ray Theater in Park City, Utah between January 19 and January 29, 2023, and the filmmakers premiered their completed documentary, entitled "Going Varsity in Mariachi," in the U.S. Documentary Competition; and

Whereas

in "Going Varsity In Mariachi" is a heartwarming and inspiring film that follows a year in the life of a competitive mariachi team who showcase their everyday lives, their interactions, emotions, practice and preparation for a Mariachi State Title; and

Whereas

while mariachi music is the main focus of the documentary, it also provides a narrative about family, community and perseverance that is deeply rooted in local tradition. The documentary also captures the essence of Mexican-American culture and the role of music while capturing Hidalgo County's beauty with scenes of vibrant mariachi musical performances and the traditional clothing that comes with it; and

Whereas

multiple major news media outlets have declared "Going Varsity in Mariachi" as a must-see film of the 2023 festival; and

Whereas

the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley are coordinating a premier of this documentary in the county seat of Edinburg, Texas.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors and congratulates the Edinburg North High School Mariachi Oro for showcasing to the world its talent, dedication and perseverance as it competed for a statewide title during the trying times of a pandemic and for highlighting to the world Hidalgo County's beautiful culture.

Approved this 7th day of March 2023.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES

County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES

County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk