

*Proclamation congratulating Ms. San Juanita Leal on
Winning Two Gold Medals at the Texas 2023 UIL 6A
Track and Field State Competition*

- Whereas* Hidalgo County, by and through Hidalgo County Precinct 4, is honoring Ms. San Juanita Leal for her athletic accomplishments at the Texas 2023 UIL 6A Track and Field State Meet held in Austin, Texas; and
- Whereas* Ms. Leal's journey to becoming an elite runner began at the age of six years old when her parents signed her up for the City of Edinburg's annual 10K run and placed 2nd in her division, two years later, she participated in the same event and placed first in her age group; and
- Whereas* Ms. Leal's natural talent continued to flourish, she would participate in various 5K runs before she was able to compete in both track and cross country at BL Garza Middle School; and
- Whereas* when Ms. Leal's UIL eligibility began as a 7th grader through her sophomore year, she won several area, regional and district championships in UIL Track and Cross Country in the following races: 800m, 1600m and 3200m; and
- Whereas* at the state competition, Ms. Leal displayed her exceptional talent and determination by winning two gold medals in the 1600m and 3200m events. She won the two gold medals with impressive timings of 4:47:36 and 10:19:19, respectively; and
- Whereas* throughout this summer, Ms. Leal has continued to train hard and earned the opportunity to represent South Texas at the national level. Ms. Leal competed at the New Balance Outdoors Nationals in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and at the Nike Nationals in Portland, Oregon; and
- Whereas* Ms. Leal holds many records in the Rio Grande Valley as well as two gold medals, an accomplishment that has not been seen at Edinburg North High School in nearly three decades;

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes, approves and congratulates Ms. San Juanita Leal on all of her accomplishments, especially bringing back two gold medals to the County of Hidalgo. The Court wishes Ms. Leal the best of luck defending her titles during her senior year at Edinburg North High School.

Approved this 8th day of August 2023.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk