

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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**DECLARATION OF SUPPORT TO THE
CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO
COUNTY BY THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Children’s Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County, d/b/a Estrella’s House (“Estrella’s House”), has requested that Hidalgo County (the “County”) support its efforts to help abused children in the county;

WHEREAS, child abuse is recognized as a national significant problem and as such Estrella’s House has been created in accordance with Texas Family Code Chapter 264;

WHEREAS, Local Government Code Section 381.004 (e) and (f) permit the Commissioners Court of a county to support a children’s advocacy center that provides services to abused children from unclaimed property monies received from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as described in Local Government Code Section 381.004 (e); and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has found it is in the best interest of the County’s residents to support Estrella’s House by providing funds as allowed by Local Government Code Section 381.004.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 381, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas (the “County”) does hereby tender to Estrella’s House, located at 525 W. Wisconsin, Edinburg, Texas, the amount of *one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)*. The amount tendered to Estrella’s House is to be used only for the furtherance of the purposes set forth below:

- To access victims of child abuse and their families to determine their needs of services relating to the investigation of child abuse.
- To provide services determined to be needed.
- To provide a facility at which a multidisciplinary team appointed under Texas Family Code Section 264.406 can meet to facilitate the efficient and appropriate disposition of child abuse through the civil and criminal justice systems.
- To coordinate the activities of governmental entities relating to child abuse investigations and delivery of services to child abuse victims and their families.

Estrella’s House agrees to allow the County Auditor or her representatives the right, upon reasonable notice, to review and audit all books and records of Estrella’s House.

Estrella’s House, by the acceptance of this monetary support, warrants and represents that this support shall be held, administered, and used in accordance with all the terms and conditions in this instrument.

Passed and Approved on this the ____ day of **February, 2025** by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

AI#98258 – CC 2/18/25
Executive Office _____

HIDALGO COUNTY

Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

**CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER
OF HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: Inex Vargas
Its: Interim Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office
Toribio “Terry” Palacios

Victor M. Garza, Chief Administrative Attorney