

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, SUPPORTING AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN REGARDING PROPOSITION 4 TO AMEND THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF REVENUE DERIVED FROM STATE SALES AND USE TAXES TO THE TEXAS WATER FUND.

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County continues to experience rapid population growth and economic expansion, increasing the demand for reliable and sustainable water supply, wastewater treatment, and flood mitigation infrastructure across its communities; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County plays a central role in regional coordination efforts through partnerships with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), drainage districts, municipalities, and water utilities to promote regional water management and infrastructure resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has developed a comprehensive State Water Plan that identifies significant water supply gaps and infrastructure needs within the Rio Grande Basin, including the Lower Rio Grande Valley, over the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”) provides critical financial and technical assistance for regional projects that secure long-term water availability, wastewater improvements, and flood resilience; and

WHEREAS, ensuring an adequate and safe water supply is vital to public health, agricultural productivity, and economic stability in Hidalgo County and throughout the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has previously taken significant steps to strengthen the state’s water infrastructure through the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas, the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas, and most recently the Texas Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, voters of the State of Texas approved Proposition 6, a constitutional amendment providing for a one-time \$1 billion investment into the Texas Water Fund to support water availability and long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, during the 89th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment—Proposition 4—that would dedicate up to one billion dollars annually for 20 years from existing state sales and use tax revenue to the Texas Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, approval of Proposition 4 will not create any new taxes or fees, but will dedicate existing surplus revenue to help finance critical statewide and regional water and flood projects, following the same approach used to fund major transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be administered by the Texas Water Development Board and will be available to Texas cities, counties, river authorities, and regional entities such as the LRGVDC, to implement long-term water, wastewater, and drainage projects that benefit the residents of Hidalgo County and South Texas;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS:***

SECTION 1. The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby expresses its strong support for the educational campaign related to Proposition 4, to appear on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 election. The Court encourages all residents of Hidalgo County to review the proposed constitutional amendment, consider its long-term benefits, and participate in the election process.

SECTION 2. The Commissioners Court directs that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Texas Water Development Board, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, and local government partners to demonstrate regional support for Proposition 4 and continued investment in the Texas Water Fund.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2025, by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

APPROVED:

Hon. Richard F. Cortez
County Judge, Hidalgo County

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
County Clerk, Hidalgo County

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Legal Counsel