

*Proclamation Honoring Ms. Ximena Villarreal as  
the 2025-2026 National Youth of the Year  
by Boys & Girls Club of America*

*Whereas* Hidalgo County is honoring Ms. Ximena Villarreal for being named the 2025-2026 Boys & Girls Club National Youth of the Year. This honor is the highest achievement a Boys & Girls Club member can receive and it recognizes Ximena’s exemplary leadership, community service, academic excellence and advocacy for issues facing our youth; and

*Whereas* Ms. Villarreal has been a Boys & Girls Club member for the past nine years and is the second valley student to receive this prestigious award in the span of three years. By achieving this accolade, Ms. Villarreal will serve as the organization’s newest national teen spokesperson and advocate, serving as a voice for over three million children across the nation. In addition to National Youth of the Year, Ms. Villarreal was also named the 2025 Texas Youth of the Year and the Southwest Youth of the Year; and

*Whereas* Ximena is one of the leaders of an advocacy group called *Think, Learn, Create Change*, where they discuss the unique experiences immigrant students living in McAllen face, empowering them to inspire change and better their communities; and

*Whereas* It was through this group that Ms. Villarreal had the opportunity to speak before the United States Congress in Washington D.C. about the needs of her community and reminded them that their decisions can create a better future. As a result of her testimony, she was able to secure a grant for the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen to continue their advocacy work; and

*Whereas* Ximena is currently a senior at IDEA Mission where she plays varsity volleyball, soccer, and serves as the President of the National Honor Society. She will continue her studies at the University of Chicago with aspirations of becoming a human rights attorney and a politician. Ms. Villarreal understands there are challenges in changing public policy, but she has the desire and the discipline to do so.

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates Ms. Ximena Villarreal on not only the outstanding achievement of being named National Youth of the Year, but on all the exceptional accolades she has accomplished at such a young age. The court wishes her continued success in her bright future and thanks her for using her strong voice to advocate for a better tomorrow.

***Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.***

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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