

*Proclamation Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of
South Texas Health System's Children's Hospital*

Whereas South Texas Health System Children's Hospital opened on March 4, 2006, as the Rio Grande Valley's first freestanding pediatric hospital, meeting a critical need for specialized pediatric care in the region and eliminating the need for families to travel long distances for treatment; and

Whereas The 86-bed Edinburg-based facility houses the region's largest dedicated pediatric emergency room and the largest pediatric intensive care unit in the four-county area, providing essential, high-level specialized care that reduces mortality and ensures age appropriate, family centered environments for children; and

Whereas STHS Children's multidisciplinary team of board-certified pediatric providers, specialists, specially trained nurses and more than 500 dedicated support staff has delivered comprehensive pediatric care for the past 20 years—ranging from diagnosis and emergency services to critical care, advanced interventions and post operative recovery; and

Whereas STHS Children's has enhanced positive patient experiences by providing specialized, family centered care that eases anxiety and promotes healing. Through its Child Life program, along with its pediatric playrooms and Outdoor Healing Garden, the hospital offers therapeutic spaces that help normalize the medical environment and support children in processing fear, anxiety and trauma through play; and

Whereas For two decades, STHS Children's has put kids first, providing compassionate, child centered care to more than 300,000 pediatric patients and their families.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate South Texas Health System Children's 20th anniversary milestone and recognizes the facility as a valued community partner responsible for providing exceptional specialized pediatric care for the children of Hidalgo County, the Rio Grande Valley and their families.

Approved this 3rd day of March 2026.

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Attest: _____

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk