

Proclamation Recognizing
2026 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Champion
Ms. Sofia Briceno

Whereas Midkiff Elementary student and Precinct 3 resident Sofia Briceno achieved valley-wide recognition at the 2026 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show where she was named champion with her Dark OPB hog; and

Whereas 9-year-old Sofia is a third grader and a first time showman, she competed in Class Twelve Lightweight where she took home the title of Champion for her Dark OPB Hog. She also placed third in the Junior Division Swine Skillathon; and

Whereas In October 2025, Sofia’s parents purchased her a pig for competition, since then she has shown incredible commitment to its care, feeding it twice daily and walking it consistently. This experience has been invaluable in teaching her the importance of responsibility and discipline; and

Whereas Sofia is a member of the Veterans Memorial FFA program and is supported by her family, friends, and her Ag teacher, Mr. Joseph Villarreal. Sofia’s group primarily consisted of junior high and high school students, making this achievement even more remarkable. This was her first year of competition and she intends to compete again next year; and

Whereas Sofia has displayed unbelievable determination and dedication. From early mornings to late nights, she has shown what it means to be motivated, passionate, and unstoppable. Sofia has brought great pride to her family, school, city, and the County of Hidalgo.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court congratulates Ms. Sofia Briceno on her exceptional achievements, wishes her continued success and looks forward to seeing her defend her title next year.

Approved this 28th day of April 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

EVERARDO “EVER” VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk