THE RIO GRANDE FINE ARTS CONSERVATORY INITIATIVE
HIDALGO COUNTY ARTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the "County") is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court has created the "Hidalgo County Arts Program" on July 17, 2018, under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(7), focused on high-quality arts programs and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004(b)(6)(c), the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and/or to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby resolve and agree as follows:

1. The Commissioners Court shall hereby establish the Hidalgo County "*The Rio Grande Valley Fine Arts Conservatory"* Initiative, an Economic Development Arts opportunity in Hidalgo County administered through The Rio Grande Valley Fine Arts Conservatory a Non-Profit Organization, herein after referred to as the ("Initiative"), aimed to attain the objectives established by the Hidalgo County Arts Program.

2. The Initiative is designed to establish, equip, and operate a regional fine arts conservatory, to improve the application of arts in order to stimulate business and commercial activity in the County.

3. The Initiative's primary focus shall be the development of after-school fine arts education and talent development through structured high level artistic training while creating pathways into higher education and the creative arts workforce.

4. The Initiative shall recognize the value of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County, by establishing a pipeline connecting secondary education, advanced fine arts training, higher education, and employment opportunities within the creative industries.

5. The County may seek to collaborate with The Rio Grande Fine Arts Conservatory in assisting with the administration of the Initiative and may provide funding, leverage existing services and personnel, or other resources for the development and administration of the Initiative.

APPROVED THIS THE _____DAY OF _____, 2026

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Hon. RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Hon. DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Hon. EDUARDO CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Hon. EVERARDO VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Hon. ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: Hon. ARTURO GUAJARDO
Hidalgo County Clerk