Proclamation Declaring November 10, 2026 as United States Coast Guard Commander Joe Brown Day

Whereas the men, women and children of our community continue to honor our U.S. veterans, brave individuals who sacrificed themselves and their time away from friends and family, served in unfamiliar territory, during both time of war and peace, not knowing if they would return to their families alive; and

Whereas The Rio Grande Valley has a rich history of military service, with many veterans hailing from this region throughout our country's 250-year history and we celebrate these brave individuals not only on Veterans Day, but every day, including community leaders like Joe Brown, who we honor today; and

Whereas Commander Joe Brown, native of South Carolina and resident Texan since 1974, served in the U.S Coast Guard for over 30 years. He served at various units around the country, including Captains of the Port, Marine Safety Offices, Search and Rescue Stations, and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutters Papaw and Durable; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Commission would like to express its deep appreciation to this local hero, who served our country so valiantly, and, like other veterans, continues to share their experiences with other generations in the name of history, education, and honor; and

Whereas in addition to his service to our great nation, he was a banker for 50 years, who held roles ranging from bank cashier to President & CEO, and continues to serve as a community leader involved with numerous organizations and boards, including team building and auctioneering services that have resulted in the prosperity of many community non-profits.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes November 10, 2026, as United States Coast Guard Commander Joe Brown Day and recognizes Commander Brown for his three decades of military service, dedication and commitment to our country.

Approved this 10th day of November 2026.

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RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk