

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE IN THE DELTA AREA**

WHEREAS, South Texas College has strived to serve students and families in communities in Hidalgo and Starr County since its creation in 1993, providing an opportunity for a college education, technical training and certificate programs to many who may not have otherwise had the means to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, South Texas College now offers 112 degrees and certificate program options, including associate degrees in a variety of art, science, technology and allied health fields of study, to more than 31,000 students; and a faculty and staff of more than 1,600 serve South Texas College's five state-of-the-art campuses, three teaching centers and one virtual campus; and


WHEREAS, South Texas College has instituted a variety of dual enrollment programs, allowing eligible students to take college courses while attending high school; these programs include Early College High Schools, drop-out recovery programs and other unique initiatives with high schools throughout Hidalgo and Starr counties; and

WHEREAS, Edcouch-Elsa ISD is committed to collaborate with the cities and school districts of Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, Monte Alto ISD and La Villa ISD, as well as community organizations in the Delta Area, to provide educational, training and professional development opportunities to students and adults; and

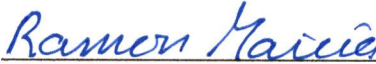
WHEREAS, Edcouch-Elsa ISD, along with the Delta Region Revitalization Corporation, is proposing to offer land and buildings in and around the Mercado Delta located in Edcouch, Texas to South Texas College for the establishment of a site that will offer courses for credit, certificates and training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court offers its support for the establishment by South Texas College of a site to serve residents in the communities of the Delta Area.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2014.


A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3


RAMON GARCIA
County Judge


HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2


JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk