

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF JUDGE CARLOS VILLALON, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Carlos Villalon, Jr., has been an exemplary public servant, a model of justice and integrity, and an astute voice of wisdom and leadership in Hidalgo County's judicial system and was appointed in December 2013, by the Honorable Eva Guzman, Justice Supreme Court of Texas Chair, to be a Children's Commission Member of the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families for a 3 year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission Members include officials from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and Child Protective Services (CPS), non-profit foundations and state bar leaders, private attorneys, legislators, judges, elected officials, and other child welfare stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, in his new appointment, Judge Villalon, will take part in overseeing numerous projects and programs, and increase communication and collaboration between the judiciary and Child Protective Services, and other stakeholders in the child protection system; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Villalon achieved success by pursuing his education, attending the University of Texas - Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, and obtaining his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1991. Judge Villalon decided to pursue a legal career and attended St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1997; and

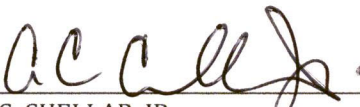
**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Judge Villalon began his professional career with Hidalgo County as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney and in 1999 he went on to prosecute child support cases against delinquent obligors as an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Texas; and

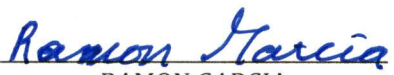
**WHEREAS**, Judge Villalon opened his own private practice, called the Law Office of Carlos Villalon, Jr., in 1999, and also served as a staff attorney for Strother, Keiter and Mulder, P.C., the Law Offices of John Ventura, P.C., the Stone Law Firm, P.C., and the Malaise Law Firm. Judge Villalon has also served as a Regional Attorney for the Office of General Counsel, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for 4 years, where he represented litigation ranging from general and civil suits to suits involving the termination of parental rights; he also provided training to case workers and CASA volunteers regarding the legal process and requirements in CPS cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Villalon is currently serving as the Associate Judge of the Child Protection Court of the Rio Grande Valley West, Fifth Administrative Judicial Region; Judge Villalon was appointed in 2012 by the Honorable J. Rolando Olvera, Jr., Presiding Judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Administrative Judicial Region; Judge Villalon conducts hearings in CPS cases in Hidalgo and Starr Counties and promotes collaboration between CPS, parents, and attorneys in order to expedite permanency for children.

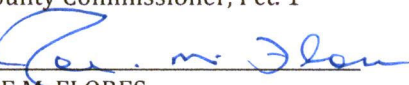
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and congratulates the Honorable Judge Carlos Villalon, Jr., for his distinguished appointment as a Children's Commission Member of the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families; and for his leadership and commitment to protect the lives of children, and for his dedication to serving the citizens of Hidalgo County and the State of Texas.

**Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.**

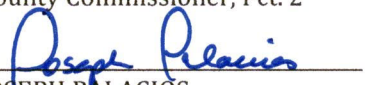
  
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