

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE IN THE STUDY OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the modern history of the great State of Texas began in 16<sup>th</sup> century with the Spanish exploration of the vast expanse of territories from the Sabine river, west to El Paso and beyond into the American Southwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Spanish and later Mexican settlers and missionaries established permanent settlements, towns and missions in these territories, which later became Texas, that continue to exist today; and

**WHEREAS**, descendants of these original Spanish and Mexican settlers, and subsequent immigrants from Mexico, played key and vital roles in Texas and American history from the settlement of this great State, to its independence from Mexico, establishment as a Republic, entry into the Union, participation in the War Between the States and emergence into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and these settlers and immigrant Texans came to be known and referred to popularly as Mexican-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present time, Mexican-Americans participated and served loyally in the Great World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, the Middle East and Afghanistan, and continue to proudly serve and protect in our country's Armed Forces throughout the world; and

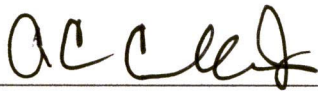
**WHEREAS**, Mexican-American's established a great historical and cultural legacy deeply rooted in traditional family values and religious observance and participation, not only in Texas, but beyond into the American Southwest including New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and California; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic and cultural legacy positively impacted and contributed and continues to influence the arts, literature, music, dance, theatre, film, cuisine, politics, education, business, industry and agriculture of Texas and the American Southwest; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a significant need to chronicle, educate and teach this tremendous contribution and impact of Mexican-American history and culture to Texas students so as to provide them a broader and more well rounded perspective of our past, and to better prepare them for citizenship and responsible decision making in a rapidly changing world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the inclusion of a High School level course in the study of Mexican-American history and culture in the curriculum and instruction provided and approved by the Texas State Board of Education.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014.



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



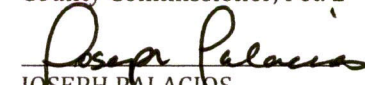
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County Clerk