

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF *CODE THE TOWN* ON ITS DESIGNATION
AS A BRIGHT SPOT IN HISPANIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics 25th anniversary, over 230 programs, models, and organizations were selected as Bright Spots in Hispanic Education to highlight the tremendous progress Latinos are making in education; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015 during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the White House in Washington D.C. , the Bright Spots in Education were announced including three in Hidalgo County. *Code the Town* developed by Mission Economic Development Corporation and its partners Sylvan Learning RGV and Border Kids Code, was selected as a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education and is included in the online catalogue as an example of a program that is helping close the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics was established in 1990 under the U.S. Department of Education. Today, nearly one in four students in our nation's public schools is a Hispanic youth and the Initiative recognizes that the future of our nation is closely connected to the future of our Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, launched in the Fall of 2014, *Code the Town* is an initiative that provides teachers and students from Kindergarten through 12th grade with knowledge in specialized technology, such as coding, digital literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), which are crucial components for job growth across the United States; and

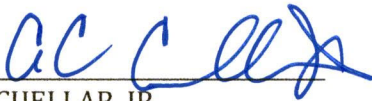
WHEREAS, using Sylvan Learning's "Edge" curriculum, over 400 elementary school students have learned to code in the program's first six months and over 100 local teachers have been trained and equipped with the tools they need to implement STEM activities on their campuses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes the Mission Economic Development Corporation, Sylvan Learning RGV and Border Kids Code for creating an innovative program that has the potential to create future technology leaders.

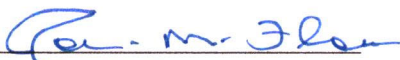
Approved this 13th day of October 2015.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



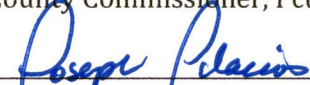
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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk