

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER NORMA G. GARCIA

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Treasurer Norma G. Garcia has served the residents of Hidalgo County for 24 years. She was first elected County Treasurer in 1994 and is currently serving her sixth consecutive term; and

WHEREAS, among her many honors are: serving as Mayor of Mercedes for three consecutive terms; founding member of the Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials; President of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers, and Commissioners; Mercedes Woman of the Year; BPW Outstanding Business and Professional Woman of the Year; and most recently Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee of Donna, and board member of the McAllen Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Hidalgo County Bail Bond Board and served as Chair from 1999-2004 and has been Secretary/Treasurer for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, she has served on the executive board of the County Treasurers' Association in various capacities including president and was named Outstanding County Treasurer for the State of Texas in 2007; and

WHEREAS, she has served on the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for over 32 years and is currently serving in her fifth term as president; and

WHEREAS, as County Treasurer, she succeeded in computerizing the department and improved many of the processes used in the treasury. She implemented Direct Deposit for county employees and was instrumental in the implementation of a Biometric Time and Attendance Program for over 3,200 employees; and

WHEREAS, in September 2003, she acquired the Payroll Department, which had previously been under the County Auditor's office since the late 1950s, thus allowing for a better checks and balance system in compliance with state statutes; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Ms. Garcia was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to the task force that merged the Texas Air Control Board and Texas Water Commission into the Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission – which was the precursor to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia is a single parent with three adult children Martha Ann Garcia-Caceres, Lucas Aaron Garcia, and Jorge Antonio Garcia; and three grandchildren Lorena Celeste Carrillo, 19, Julio Andres Carrillo, 15, and Olivia Celene Garcia, 6; and

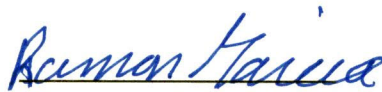
WHEREAS, she was born in Donna, Texas and is the eldest of seven children. She is a proud graduate of Donna High School and attended San Antonio Community College in San Antonio, Texas, and Pan American College, which is now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, her work experience includes being a Child Support Officer for the Texas Attorney General's Office; a realtor for several years after acquiring a license in real estate in 1984; and, for the past 22 years, has been a Certified Investment Officer, which requires yearly continuing education through the Texas Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia decided not to seek a seventh term and will retire from public office on December 31, 2018, after a long and distinguished career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby commend Hidalgo County Treasurer Norma G. Garcia for her pioneering and innovative work and contributions to her community and extends sincere best wishes for continued success as she retires from office on December 31, 2018.

Approved this 18th day of December 2018.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**
County Clerk