

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2019 MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, for generations, manufacturing has played a critical role in Texas' diverse economy. Texas is home to over 17,500 manufacturing firms, 80 of which are located in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing in Texas constitutes 13.3 percent of the total output in the state, totaling approximately \$247 billion in exports of manufactured goods in 2018; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in Texas employ 7.1 percent of the workforce, an estimated 910,000 manufacturing employees, including 7,500 in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers pay millions of dollars annually, supporting schools, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services. Manufacturing jobs enable Texas families to realize the dream of owning a home, sending a child to college, and enjoying a secure retirement; and

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October and the month of October is annually celebrated as National Manufacturing Month; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to support the work of manufacturing companies by purchasing products manufactured in Hidalgo County and in the United States of America; and

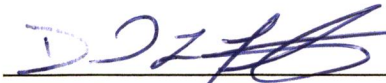
WHEREAS, to celebrate Manufacturing Month, entities across Hidalgo County, including the South Texas Manufacturers Association, Workforce Solutions, manufacturing companies, cities, economic development corporations, colleges, school districts, and others in relevant fields, are partnering to host various events to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim October 2019 as Manufacturing Month in Hidalgo County and recognizes the valuable contributions that manufacturing companies and their employees provide to our communities.

Approved this 10th day of September, 2019.



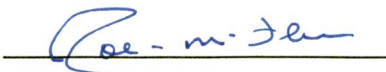
RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge



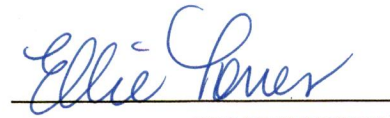
DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



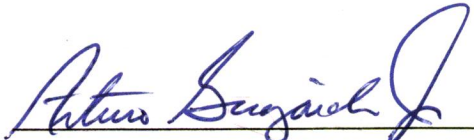
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk