

Hidalgo County

Resolution in honor of Palm Valley Animal Society receiving the Transformational Change Lifesaving Award

Whereas Palm Valley Animal Society (PVAS) has been awarded the Transformational Change Lifesaving Award from Best Friends Animal Society, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters; and

Whereas founded in 1984, Best Friends is an advocate in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters nationwide from an estimated 17 million per year to around 625,000; and

Whereas PVAS is an active partner in the Best Friends Network, which is comprised of 501(c)(3) public charity rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations, and shelters actively working with Best Friends to save lives and reduce shelter deaths locally within Hidalgo County; and

Whereas Best Friends has set a goal of no-kill 2025, which means that across the nation they are striving to save every dog and cat in every shelter by healing the animals who can be healed, treating behaviors that can be treated, and prioritizing safety and high quality of life for both pets and people in our communities; and

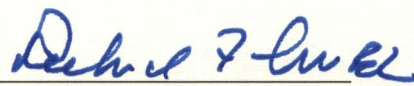
Whereas PVAS underwent extensive changes in the past three years, and in 2018 its Laurie P. Andrews Center and Trenton Center merged with a new no-kill mission to reach a 90% higher save rate and adhere to the no-kill philosophy of saving every animal that can be saved evolving into the new name of Palm Valley Animal Society; and

Whereas Palm Valley Animal Society's mission is to provide lifesaving care, comfort, and compassion to animals in need by engaging the hearts, hands, and minds of our community; and

Whereas PVAS' goal is to save every animal that can be saved through progressive adoption, foster care, and rescue transfer programs offering a number of additional programs designed to help pets in the shelter, in the community, and in your home, including volunteer, fee-reduction, and veterinary services programs.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissions Court congratulates the collaborative efforts of Palm Valley Animal Society in receiving the prestigious Transformational Change Lifesaving Award from the Best Friends Animal Society, a national leader in the no-kill movement.

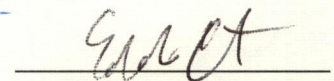
Approved this 25th day of August 2020.



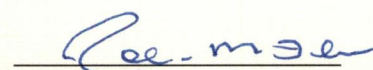
RICHARD F. CORTEZ
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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk