

Hidalgo County

Resolution honoring Sister Norma Pimentel, named one of the 100 Most Influential Persons of the World

Whereas Time magazine, one of the nation's more renowned journalistic publications, has for the past 20 years compiled an annual listing of the 100 most influential people of the world; and

Whereas in releasing this year's list, the magazine declared "there has never been a year like this;" and

Whereas this year's listing includes heads of state such as President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel; leaders in their field such as Dr. Anthony Fauci and Chief Justice John Roberts; and

Whereas Time listed influencers under five different categories such as Pioneers, Artists and Titans; and

Whereas under the category Icons, Time magazine selected sixteen people around the world including Hidalgo County's and the Rio Grande Valley's native daughter Sister Norma Pimentel, a Missionary of Jesus and head of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley; and

Whereas former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and former presidential candidate Julian Castro wrote that Sister Norma "has been on the front lines of mercy for three decades, supporting migrants who are seeking refuge in the U.S. along Texas' border with Mexico;" and

Whereas Secretary Castro further writes, "Her boundless hope and fearless compassion have earned her the moniker of "the Pope's favorite nun;" and

Whereas the people of Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley have long known that Sister Norma is driven by the principle that everyone should be treated with dignity.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo offers its heartiest congratulations to Sister Norma and that it agrees with the choice made by Time magazine and offers its great hope that the simple notion of compassion, a notion personified by Sister Norma, should continue to impact the region, the nation and the world in such a positive matter.

Approved this 29th day of September 2020.

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