

Hidalgo County

Resolution in honor of Dr. Norma Jean Farley for 14 years of service

- Whereas* Norma Jean Farley, M.D., a revered physician and dedicated public servant born in Chicago, Illinois, is being honored for her exceptional work and dedication to the County of Hidalgo after serving with distinction and integrity for the past 14 years as the Chief Forensic Pathologist; and
- Whereas* Dr. Farley, in her capacity of Chief Forensic Pathologist, has provided autopsy services to Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties and with her vast knowledge and immense experience has provided expert testimony in numerous criminal proceedings throughout her career; and
- Whereas* Dr. Farley has selflessly dedicated her career and work to the citizens of Hidalgo County with a modern medicolegal death investigation system to assure that their interests, and those of their loved ones, were safeguarded during their time of personal loss. Dr. Farley carried out the mission of the Hidalgo County Forensic Center with great competence always; and
- Whereas* After growing up in Bridgeport, Illinois, Norma Jean Farley later attended an honor society field trip to Houston, Texas, where she toured Hermann Hospital. It was then Dr. Farley became certain she wanted to attend medical school in Texas. She then relocated and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate from Stephen F. Austin State University located in Nacogdoches, Texas; and
- Whereas* Dr. Farley became a doctor in 1994 once she received her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas where she also completed her residency and forensic fellowship; and
- Whereas* Over the course of her 26 year career Dr. Farley led countless lectures, seminars, and presentations on the diverse studies of Forensic pathology. She has acquired numerous accolades, honors and awards for her many accomplishments and contributions to her profession while having many articles published in medical journals; and
- Whereas* from September 2009 to September 2010, Dr. Farley was appointed to the Texas Forensic Science Commission by then-Governor Rick Perry; and
- Whereas* while also serving on the Board of Editors for the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, Dr. Farley participated and served on several National Association of Medical Examiners Ad hoc Committees, the Hidalgo County Child Fatality Review, Mass Disaster Planning Committee, and the Infection Control Committee; and

Whereas

Dr. Farley has served Hidalgo County and its citizens for over a decade through her high standards of medical practice, professional integrity, and scientific inquiry. She has not only earned respect of her staff and colleagues, but most importantly the families affected as her journey has reached its acceptance of other career goals and opportunities.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Dr. Norma Jean Farley for her outstanding service, dedication, and commitment during her 14 years of service to constituents in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 13th day of October 2020.



Richard F. Cortez

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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