

# Hidalgo County

## Resolution in Honor of Roy Anthony Quintanilha for 35 years of Service with The County of Hidalgo, Texas

- Whereas* Roy Anthony Quintanilha is being honored for over 35 years of outstanding service to the Citizens of Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* Roy Quintanilha was born in 1963 in Enid, Oklahoma to parents Luis Carlos Quintanilha (deceased) and Barbara Carole Quintanilha (deceased) who met while Luis was attending Air Force Training at Vance Air Force Base as a pilot for the Portuguese Air Force; and
- Whereas* Roy Quintanilha spent his early years in Lisbon, Portugal and later returned to the United States where he lived in Texas, California, and Rhode Island before settling in Texas; and
- Whereas* Roy Quintanilha began his career as a Police Officer with the Mercedes Police Department in December of 1982. He attended and graduated the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Regional Police Academy in Harlingen, Texas in 1983. He worked as a Police Officer for the City of Mercedes, Texas until July 31, 1985; and
- Whereas* Roy Quintanilha while working in Mercedes met and wed Hipolita "Paula" Luna in 1985. The couple has one daughter Olivia Carole Quintanilha who married Alejandro Palacios and have two grandsons; Levi Alejandro Palacios and Adam Rui Palacios; and
- Whereas* on August 1, 1985, Roy Quintanilha began his career with the County of Hidalgo, Texas as a Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Office; and
- Whereas* while working at the Sheriff's Office, Roy Quintanilha promoted through the ranks as an Investigator, Lieutenant and Captain in various aspects of the agency until accepting the position of Safety Director in 2005. He continued to serve Hidalgo County as Safety Director until accepting the appointment of Chief Jail Administrator for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility in July of 2016. He has at one point or another directly supervised or has been a supervisor in every division (civilian and law enforcement) of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office; and
- Whereas* during his tenure with Hidalgo County, Roy Quintanilha was tasked with additional duties as Interim Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator until such time those positions were appointed; and
- Whereas* Roy Quintanilha was involved in the construction of the current Sheriff's Office Jail and Law Enforcement Complex. He has been instrumental in the development of the Hidalgo County Safety Division which continues to serve Hidalgo County regarding all insurance matters, drug and alcohol testing, and employee safety programs; and

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Chief Roy Anthony Quintanilha for over 35 years of outstanding dedicated and committed service to the County of Hidalgo, Texas and on this day wishes him a long and happy retirement.

**Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.**



*Richard F. Cortez*

**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

*David L. Fuentes*

**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pet. 1

*Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu*

**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pet. 2

*Everardo "Ever" Villarreal*

**EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL**  
County Commissioner, Pet. 3

*Ellie Torres*

**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pet. 4

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*

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