

Hidalgo County

Proclamation declaring August 18 as 'County Cowboys' Day

Whereas a very positive reflection of humanity is the proper treatment and care of animals, especially in the Rio Grande Valley because of its storied history of agriculture and ranching; and

Whereas the growth and change in our area's population and economy from rural to urban can cause great challenges to the maintenance of this deep heritage of the humane treatment of animals because too many people find it difficult, if not impossible, to prioritize an animal's proper care; and

Whereas Teo Martinez, of Mercedes, and Marcelino Torres, of Mission, have devoted their lives to the proper care and treatment of animals and have provided invaluable assistance to area law enforcement by offering solutions and alternatives for extremely difficult situations involving animals; and

Whereas Teo Martinez and Marcelino Torres have, similarly, provided the same type of assistance to innumerable private property owners going so far in some cases to travel through flood waters on a tractor to save stranded animals and made the public aware they will rescue any livestock 24/7; and

Whereas because of their availability and many acts of charity on behalf of animals, Teo Martinez and Marcelino Torres have become popularly named the County Cowboys.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares August 18, 2022 as "County Cowboys Day" in recognition of the many good works of Teo Martinez and Marcelino Torres.

Approved this 18th day of August, 2022.



Richard F. Cortez

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

David L. Fuentes

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Everardo "Ever" Villarreal

EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ellie Torres

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.
County Clerk

