

Hidalgo County

Proclamation congratulating Edcouch Elsa's Mariachi Juvenil Azteca for its 3rd place finish at the National Group Competition of the Mariachi Extravaganza

- Whereas* Mariachi is a genre of Mexican music that can trace its lineage at least three centuries; and
- Whereas* the growth in popularity of Mariachi music as a potent symbol of Mexican and Hispanic culture has resulted in new generations of musicians learning and performing this style of music; and
- Whereas* nowhere is this surge in popularity of mariachi music better demonstrated than the annual Mariachi Extravaganza, which drew more than 1,000 competitors to San Antonio for middle school, high school and college level competitions; and
- Whereas* Edcouch Elsa's Mariachi Juvenil Azteca participated in the 28th Annual Mariachi Extravaganza, which was judged by the world renowned Mariachi Nuevo Tecalitlan from Guadalajara, Jalisco; and
- Whereas* Edcouch Elsa captured 3rd place in the high school division of this national competition; and
- Whereas* Edcouch Elsa's performance contributes to the growing reputation that the Rio Grande Valley has for its high school mariachi bands; and
- Whereas* another major mariachi celebration is the Mariachi USA Festival, which will be held on June 3, 2023 in the Hollywood Bowl, when mariachi education in Texas will be highlighted and will include performances by students at Edcouch Elsa as well as McAllen and Rio Grande City High School.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates Edcouch Elsa's Mariachi Juvenil Azteca for its growing list of accolades and thanks them for contributing to an emerging regional recognition of this influential musical genre as a significant cultural and artistic expression.

Approved this 30th day of May 2023.



Richard F. Cortez

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