

Hidalgo County

Proclamation Recognizing the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as a Top-Rated University

Whereas the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) opened its doors to students on August 31, 2015, as the first major public university in Texas to be established in the 21st century, welcoming an overall student population of approximately 30,000 students, making it the second largest Hispanic Serving Institution in the nation; and

Whereas comprised of the assets, human resources, and institutional knowledge of two renowned legacy institutions, the University of Texas at Brownsville and the University of Texas Pan American, the Regional Academic Health Centers in Edinburg and Harlingen, and with the addition of a long-awaited School of Medicine, UTRGV continues to transform the academic and economic landscape of South Texas; and

Whereas Washington Monthly has ranked UTRGV as #1 among all Texas universities and #60 among all universities nationwide based on three main criteria: social mobility, public service, and research; #1 among all Texas universities and #2 nationally for performance of Pell Grant students; #1 among all Texas universities for net price of attendance; and #1 among all Texas universities for best social mobility; and

Whereas the Chronicle of Higher Education has ranked UTRGV as the #1 fastest-growing doctoral public university in Texas and #3 nationally; and

Whereas Degree Choices, a team of education researchers who provide a guide to prospective students, has ranked UTRGV as #1 among all public Texas universities and #15 among all universities nationally based on economic value; and

Whereas Third Way, a national think tank, has ranked UTRGV #1 among all large Texas universities and #6 nationally among all universities based on the Economic Mobility Index or how well universities serve low-income students; and

Whereas U.S. News and World Report ranked UTRGV #6 among all public universities in Texas and #227 among all universities nationally – up 72 places from the previous year; and the #1 top performer in Social Mobility among all public Texas universities; and

Whereas the Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine has ranked UTRGV as #2 in total bachelor's degrees granted, #3 in total master's degrees granted, and #4 in total enrollment for 4-year schools; they will spotlight UTRGV on the front cover of its October 2023 edition for its excellence and commitment to Hispanics in higher education; and

Whereas UTRGV is committed to serving the Rio Grande Valley via an innovative and unique multicultural education dedicated to student access and success, and to championing leading research, healthcare, application of University discoveries, and supporting sustainable development, community engagement, and well-being.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as a top-rated university.

Approved this 17th day of October 2023.



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