

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**

WHEREAS, this year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, which will be held March 7 through 17 in Mercedes. The Livestock Show started as a means for students to show their animals and earn prizes and has since evolved into an arena for teaching and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is a non-profit educational organization with a Board of Directors representing all of the four south-most counties of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing a safe, fun, family-oriented community event, the Livestock Show helps promote South Texas youth through leadership development and agricultural education. Millions of dollars have been provided to FFA and 4-H exhibitors over the years, including \$1.8 million raised for scholarships in 2018; and

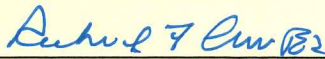
WHEREAS, more than 300,000 people attended last year's show, which was an increase of 50,000 people from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, after a successful pilot program in 2018, this year's show will feature events for over 1,600 special needs students from 18 school districts; and

WHEREAS, the show's success relies on a 17-member Board of Directors and six honorary advisory directors lead by President Mike Risica, 11 staff members lead by General Manager D.J. Wernecke, and 650 volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show for 80 years of exemplary work in providing a family-friendly, fun and educational environment for the community.

Approved this 26th day of February 2019.



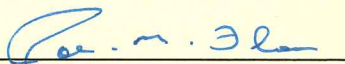
RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge



DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



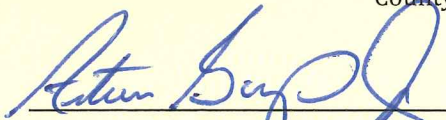
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



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