

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 6

WHEREAS, today more than 70 percent of Texas is experiencing drought conditions and its big cities and small towns are facing water shortages, some having run out of water completely; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Texas experienced the worst single-year drought on record, costing Texas farmers and ranchers \$7.62 billion in lost livestock and crops; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 people move to Texas everyday and the state must develop an additional 8.8 million acre-feet of water to meet the growing demands of our population and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County acknowledges that severe drought conditions highlight the need for action now and is grateful that Texas Legislature passed a resolution to create a constitutionally dedicated fund for the sole purpose of implementing the existing State Water Plan; and


WHEREAS, Hidalgo County welcomes Proposition 6 as a means to ensure a reliable, long-term supply of clean water for Texas for the next 50 years and approves the proposition's provisions for local control for water districts and municipalities who will be responsible for their own local water projects; and

WHEREAS, noting the approval of Proposition 6 does not raise taxes on businesses or citizens and Hidalgo County is confident that the \$2 billion withdrawal to finance water projects will maintain the integrity of the State's Rainy Day Fund for future emergencies; and

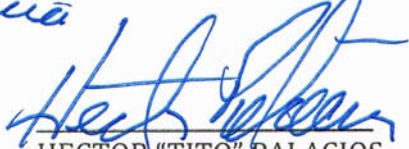
WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is convinced that Proposition 6 will ultimately protect cities, businesses, farmers and ranchers during times of drought and provide the water Texas needs to create jobs and grow the economy.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby support the Proposition 6 approach to creating a reliable supply of water in Texas for future generations, and encourages Hidalgo County citizens to vote "YES" on Proposition 6 on November 5th.

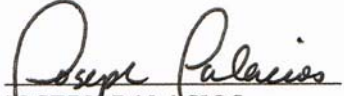
Approved this 22nd day of October, 2013.



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County Commissioner, Pct. 1


RAMON GARCIA
County Judge


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County Commissioner, Pct. 2


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Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.
Hidalgo County Clerk