

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 31, 2015 AS
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY DAY**

WHEREAS, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed legislation on May 23, 2013 establishing a new university of the first class in South Texas, and the Governor of Texas signed the bill into law on June 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, comprised of the assets, human resources, and institutional knowledge of two renowned legacy institutions, The University of Texas 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 medical school, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will transform the academic and economic landscape of South Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution provides that the University is entitled to participate in the Permanent University Fund, and The University of Texas System Board of Regents has, to date, allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the university has adopted the Vaquero as its official mascot, the original South Texas Vaqueros being the pioneers of the region and were the precursors to the modern day American cowboy; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Rio Grande Valley and the leaders of its local governments, institutions, businesses, and households have exhibited an outpouring of support for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, UTRGV will welcome its inaugural class of students August 31, 2015, as the first major public university in Texas to be established in the 21st century, expecting an overall student enrollment of approximately 30,000 students, making it the second largest Hispanic Serving Institution in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims August 31, 2015 as The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Day in Hidalgo County and will fly the UTRGV flag at the Hidalgo County Courthouse in honor of the university's opening and as a symbol of support.

Dated this 18th day of August 2015.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct.3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk