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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Do You Have Your Passport? 20 Days Until US Travel Requirements Change

Edinburg, TX – On Saturday, May 16, 2009, Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk, will host a fourth of a series of passport clinics scheduled in anticipation of changes in US travel requirements. On **June 1, 2009**, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security. The public is encouraged to visit the district clerk office this Saturday and Saturday, May 30th, to process their passport application. Appointments can be made by calling 956.318.2200, ext. 6270. Walk-ins are welcome. The County Clerk's Office will also be open for processing birth certificates only.

Passport Requirements:

- Passport Application - visit www.co.hidalgo.tx.us or www.travel.state.gov
- Proof of US Citizenship (birth certificate, long form)
- Proof of identity (valid driver's license)
- Two recent color passport photographs, AND
- Fees (visit www.co.hidalgo.tx.us or www.travel.state.gov for current fees)

Who: Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk

What: Saturday Passport Clinic

When: Saturday, May 16th & 30th
9am – 3pm

Where: District Clerk Office, Hidalgo County Courthouse
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