



**Laura Hinojosa**

Hidalgo County  
District Clerk

## MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release  
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### **Do You Have Your Passport? 3 Days Until US Travel Requirements Change**

**Edinburg, TX** – On Saturday, May 30, 2009, Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk, will host a fifth 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 May 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us) or [www.travel.state.gov](http://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](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us) or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for current fees)

**Who:** Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk

**What:** Saturday Passport Clinic

**When:** Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
9am – 3pm

**Where:** District Clerk Office, Hidalgo County Courthouse  
100 N. Closner, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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