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PRESS ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

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HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK & HEB PARTNER TO BRING PASSPORT SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

EDINBURG, TEXAS – In light of the recent changes in US travel requirements, the district clerk office will host a passport fair at the **HEB Plus!** store in San Juan Saturday, June 6th beginning at 8am. Only 1000 numbers will be issued to families/individuals waiting to process their passport applications.

On **June 1, 2009**, the U.S. government implemented the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The 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 HEB on this day to process their passport application. Appointments can be made by calling 956.318.2200, ext. 6270. Walk-ins are welcome, however, should anticipate significant waiting time. The public is encouraged to bring their umbrellas should lines extend outside the facility. Water will be provided. To facilitate the application process, the public should comply with the following requirements prior to arrival:

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, **available at HEB, AND**
- Fees in check or money order (visit www.co.hidalgo.tx.us or www.travel.state.gov for current fees)

WHO: Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk & HEB

WHAT: Passport Fair

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2009
8am

WHERE: HEB Plus!
901 W. Expressway 83
San Juan, Texas

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