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HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK & PROGRESO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE HOST MID VALLEY PASSPORT FAIR

WESLACO, TEXAS – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office in conjunction with Progreso International Bridge hosted a passport fair today at the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce. The fair was held in an effort to make passport services more accessible to residents in the mid-valley area.

“The district clerk office is pleased to partner with Progreso International Bridge to provide basic public services to our community,” said Hinojosa. “We hope we were successful in meeting local passport needs which will facilitate travel for valley families, specifically to and from Mexico.”

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.

“This was a true team effort to help people get their passport” said Julie Ramirez, Director of the Progreso International Bridge. “We sponsored the passport fair to make it easier for people to get processed and get their passports quicker”.

The district clerk office scheduled 125 appointments consisting of single individuals and families. Walk-ins were processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Future passport fairs are currently being considered. No dates have been solidified.

For more information regarding passport services and the application process, log on to: www.co.hidalgo.tx.us or www.travel.state.gov. Public inquiries can also be addressed by calling the district clerk office at 956-318-2200, ext 6270.

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