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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hidalgo County unveils commemorative video highlighting one year anniversary of COVID-19 pandemic**

**EDINBURG** – In commemoration of the first anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez has released a commemorative video highlighting 365 days of response to a global pandemic.

On March 17, 2020, Judge Cortez signed an order declaring a local disaster due to COVID-19. A year later, under his leadership, a remembrance video will tell the story of those affected by this disease.

“The video is a first-hand look at the incredible challenges Hidalgo County faced as a grueling pandemic changed the lives of thousands,” said Judge Cortez. “From those working the front-line of the pandemic to those still grieving their loved ones, this video recognizes all those impacted by the Coronavirus and offers hope to those who continue to struggle.”

Along with the video commemoration, we have produced a graphic detailing important statistics involving the pandemic and its effects on our county over the past year.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)

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**ATTACHMENT:** COVID-19 Graphic

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