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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hidalgo County announces second commemorative video observing the one year anniversary of COVID-19 related deaths**

**EDINBURG** – A second video memorial honoring those who have died from the COVID-19 virus is being launched today, the anniversary of the first death from the virus in Hidalgo County, Judge Richard F. Cortez said Wednesday.

This marks the second video memorial produced by Hidalgo County and is made up of residents who died from complications of the disease and whose families submitted photos for the memorial effort.

Nearly 2,800 people have died from complications of the disease.

"This pandemic has affected thousands of our residents," said Judge Cortez. "A year later, we find that as a community we all continue to struggle through the grim hardships we've all faced. This video honors all of those grieving and deeply afflicted by this terrible disease and lends peace to those who continue to mourn."

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

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