

**RESOLUTION HONORING UTRGV'S TRADING ASSOCIATION (TTA) TEAM FOR WINNING THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CME GROUP TRADING CHALLENGE IN CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, the CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, announced The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as first-place winners of its 15<sup>th</sup> annual CME Group Trading Challenge on March 22, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the four-week electronic trading competition had more than 500 teams with over 2,100 students from college and universities in 37 countries participating. The annual competition is designed to provide students with an educational experience consistent with that of professional traders of commodity futures; and

**WHEREAS**, the UTRGV finance students defeated Kansas State University (U.S.), the University of Malaya (Malaysia), the Universidad de Bogota Jorge Tadeo Lozano (Colombia), and John Hopkins University (U.S.); and

**WHEREAS**, UTRGV's winning team included Christopher Martinez, Jose Naveja and Michael Villarreal and were led by faculty member Dr. Bruno Arthur, a lecturer in Economics and Finance, with the support of Dr. Andre Mollick, Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, since first competing in 2014, the local teams have helped bring global recognition to the University, their communities, and the entire Rio Grande Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for its first place win in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CME Group Trading Challenge and congratulates all of the students who participated, the winning team members, and faculty on this noble success.

**Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.**



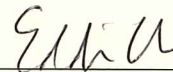
**RAMON GARCIA**

County Judge



**DAVID L. FUENTES**

County Commissioner, Pct. 1



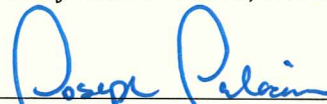
**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**

County Commissioner, Pct. 2




**JOE M. FLORES**

County Commissioner, Pct. 3



**JOSEPH PALACIOS**

County Commissioner, Pct. 4



**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**

County Clerk