

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A Resolution in Support of HJR 56 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Legislature**

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County is responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, many state officials appropriately oppose unfunded mandates sent down to states from the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, enacts laws or promulgates rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties in the same manner that federal mandates obligate the state; and

**WHEREAS**, such unfunded or underfunded mandates disproportionately burden local property taxpayers with paying for state programs, resulting in local tax increases and/or cutbacks in local programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rep. Burt Solomons has filed HJR 56 in the 82nd Legislature, a constitutional amendment that would "restrict the power of the Legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments," including counties, cities, hospital districts, community college districts, and special districts created by those entities; and

**WHEREAS**, HJR 56 states that "no bill enacted by the Legislature on or after Jan. 1, 2012 requiring a local government to establish, expand or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the local government shall be effective until and unless the Legislature appropriates or otherwise provides for the payment or reimbursement, from a source other than the revenue of the local government, of the costs incurred for the biennium by the local government in complying with the requirement;"

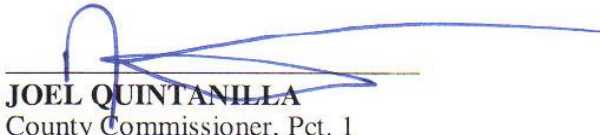
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County of Hidalgo does hereby resolve that it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of HJR 56, as well as encouraging all members of the Texas House of Representatives to co-sponsor HJR 56.

**ADOPTED THE 08<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.**

**SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:**



**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge



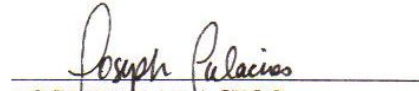
**JOEL QUINTANILLA**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



**HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:



**ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk

