

County of Hidalgo
State of Texas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beverage containers and packaging make up approximately 31% of the waste stream, nationally, and,

WHEREAS, beverage container waste is a major source of litter along roadways and pollution in Texas waterways, with taxpayers bearing the brunt of the cleanup costs, and,

WHEREAS, properly designed beverage container recycling refund systems create industrial and job growth in the collection, hauling, processing and remanufacturing of recyclable materials, and,

WHEREAS, states with laws for recycling refund systems for beverage containers have recycling rates of 70-80% overall, which decreases the total volume of waste headed to Texas landfills and incinerators, and,

WHEREAS, recycling refund systems for beverage containers can promote funding for charities and schools, and,

WHEREAS, laws for recycling refund systems for beverage containers establish convenient collection for consumers throughout the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT SUPPORTS STATE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A RECYCLING REFUND SYSTEM FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010.



RENE A. RAMIREZ
County Judge

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

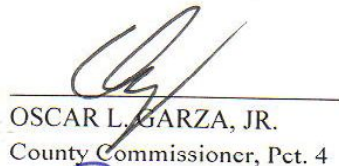


HECTOR "NTO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

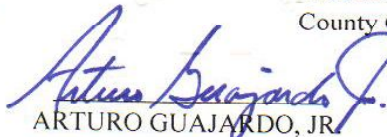


JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Attested to:



OSCAR L. GARZA, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk