

City of Los Fresnos
Proclamation

Honoring SIDEWINDER OF TEXAS
Celebrating 41 Years of Musical Excellence and Community Service

WHEREAS, the band *Sidewinder of Texas* was founded in August of 1984 by guitarist David Valdez and drummer Paul Pederson, later joined by bassist Rey Ybarra and lead vocalist Raul Garcia, forming a dynamic group rooted in shared musical passion and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Sidewinder of Texas developed a unique and powerful sound known as “Texas Style Rock & Roll,” captivating audiences both locally and nationally, with original songs such as *Cruisin’ On The Levee*, *Ready to Rock*, *Can’t Take My Dreams*, and *My Country* receiving widespread radio play and acclaim; and

WHEREAS, the band has proudly represented Los Fresnos at prestigious events including multiple performances at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, and has broken cultural barriers by serving as the house band on *The Juan Miguel Vela Show*, a Spanish-language talk show broadcast throughout the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sidewinder of Texas has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to charitable causes, donating their time and talent to organizations such as Toys for Tots, United Blood Services, The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, The Make A Wish Foundation, The Campaign For A Drug Free America, The Wounded Warrior Project, and numerous local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, although often associated with Brownsville for promotional purposes, Sidewinder of Texas proudly calls Los Fresnos home—from their first rehearsal in 1984 at Paul’s parents’ house on 6th and Parades to their current base on Edgewater Isle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Fresnos recognizes and celebrates the band’s 41 years of musical excellence, cultural impact, and unwavering dedication to community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alejandro Flores, Mayor of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, do hereby proclaim:

**October 26, 2025 as
“Sidewinder of Texas Day”**

in the City of Los Fresnos and encourage all residents to join in honoring this iconic band for their enduring legacy and contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Los Fresnos to be affixed this 14 of October, 2025.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary