

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



### Proclamation in support of Hidalgo County's Prosperity Task Force

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County has a disproportionate number of people living at or below the federal poverty level, with some estimates showing that as many as 40 percent living in poverty locally, meaning that as many as 400,000 residents may be financially struggling; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributors to poverty are multifaceted, including to issues of health, food insecurity, educational attainment and even crime; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a disproportionate number of residents who are underemployed in Hidalgo County, including one in four people who either have attended some college or have college degrees earning wages at or below poverty level; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County and its municipalities, including the City of Mission, are committed to providing essential services to its residents but recognize that the most effective way to combat this challenge is to help people escape poverty with proper job training and effective financial literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force, composed of more than 160 community leaders and policymakers, has been formed with the mission of providing help to those who need it while identifying candidates for job training with the aim of developing human capital, enhancing existing business and attracting new business.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby, by approval of this proclamation, support the ongoing efforts of the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force.

Proclaimed on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

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Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

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Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

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Abiel Flores, Councilman

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Alberto Vela, Councilman