

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) opened its doors to its inaugural class of students August 31, 2015, as the first major public university in Texas to be established in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, welcoming an overall student population of approximately 30,000 students, making it the second largest Hispanic Serving Institution in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, comprised of the assets, human resources, and institutional knowledge of two renowned legacy institutions, The University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas Pan American, the Regional Academic Health Centers in Edinburg and Harlingen, and with the addition of a long-awaited School of Medicine, UTRGV continues to transform the academic and economic landscape of South Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Monthly has ranked UTRGV as #1 among all Texas universities and #60 among all universities nationwide based on three main criteria: social mobility, public service, and research; #1 among all Texas universities and #2 nationally for performance of Pell Grant students; #1 among all Texas universities for net price of attendance; and #1 among all Texas universities for best social mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chronicle of Higher Education has ranked UTRGV as the #1 fastest-growing doctoral public university in Texas and #3 nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Degree Choices, a team of education researchers who provide a guide to prospective students, has ranked UTRGV as #1 among all public Texas universities and #15 among all universities nationally based on economic value; and

**WHEREAS**, Third Way, a national think tank, has ranked UTRGV #1 among all large Texas universities and #6 nationally among all universities based on Economic Mobility Index or how well universities serve low-income students; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. News and World Report, based on 19 key measures of academic quality, has ranked UTRGV #6 among all public universities in Texas and #227 among all universities nationally – up 72 places from the previous year; and the #1 top performer in Social Mobility among all public Texas universities;

**WHEREAS**, The Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine has ranked UTRGV as #2 in total bachelor's degrees granted, #3 in total master's degrees granted, and #4 in total enrollment for 4-year schools and spotlighted UTRGV on the front cover of its October 2023 edition for its excellence and commitment to Hispanics in higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, UTRGV is committed to serving the Rio Grande Valley via an innovative and unique multicultural education dedicated to student access and success, and to championing leading research, healthcare, application of University discoveries, and supporting sustainable development, community engagement, and well-being;

**NOW THEREFORE**, We the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas do hereby proclaim

**"The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as a top-rated university"**

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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