



EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, the El Paso County Commissioners Court approved the creation of an El Paso County Community Healing Garden to honor the lives of the twenty-three souls who were lost due to the senseless and horrific attack that the El Paso community experienced on August 3, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Healing Garden will serve as a quiet space for the community to reflect and heal from this tragic event, that will consist of a memorial wall featuring the names of each August 3rd victim set amongst elements of nature and water features; and,

WHEREAS, the Healing Garden will be made possible through funding by El Paso County, in addition to generously-donated materials and financial contributions from the El Paso community; and,

WHEREAS, a groundbreaking ceremony for the Healing Garden, followed by an interfaith service and remembrance, will take place at Ascarate Park on August 2, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, United States Congresswoman Veronica Escobar intends to introduce legislation to designate the Healing Garden a national memorial; and,

WHEREAS, designating the Healing Garden a national memorial recognizes that August 3rd was a national tragedy, the sorrow of which was shared by all Americans, and provides a permanent reminder that we must, every day, work to overcome hatred in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the El Paso County Judge and County Commissioners that El Paso County supports introduction of legislation in the United States Congress to designate the County of El Paso Community Healing Garden a national memorial, and further calls on the Congress to pass and the President to sign such legislation into law.

SIGNED, this 27th day of July 2020

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Vincent M. Perez, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge