



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, *Femme Frontera* was founded in 2016 by six female filmmakers from the U.S.-Mexico border region of El Paso, Texas, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Femme Frontera* advocates for the amplification of films made by female-identifying filmmakers from borders across the globe, celebrating unique voices through showcasing work, funding female-directed projects, and providing film education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Femme Frontera* Filmmaker Showcase began as a celebration of films made by women filmmakers from the U.S.-Mexico border region and have expanded to include powerful short films from all around the world, whose stories challenge perceptions about women, border communities, immigrants, people of color, the LGBTQ community, and other underrepresented communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, *Femme Frontera* has been featured in *Variety Magazine*, *Remezcla*, *Texas Monthly* magazine, among others. In 2019, *Femme Frontera* also became listed as one of the “Top 10 Film Festivals for Female Filmmakers” by Milan Arielle Productions, as well as one of the top “Film Festivals who are Showing How Media Has the Power to Change the World” by GirlHQ; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, *Femme Frontera* was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to be used over a two year period; *Femme Frontera* provides free Filmmaking Workshops for youth and adults, where students are given the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of writing, shooting, lighting, and editing to fuel creativity and create powerful stories and help students achieve filmmaking goals; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, *Femme Frontera* has screened its yearly showcases with the University of Texas El Paso as part of Women’s History Month. Each year, the UTEP audience, the *Femme Frontera* filmmakers and founders engage in thought-provoking, dialogues regarding border identity, race, and women’s rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that we recognize ***Femme Frontera***, as well as highlight their virtual showcase with the University of Texas at El Paso on **March 10th** as part of **Women's History Month!**

**SIGNED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021

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Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

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Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

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Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Carl L. Robinson, Pct. 4

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County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego