



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, the Make-A-Wish® Foundation is guided by four main pillars including Strength, Hope, Transformation and Community; and

WHEREAS, Strength is tied directly to research that shows that “a wish” can be so powerful as to help children fight and even overcome a critical illness; and

WHEREAS, Hope relates to how “a wish” can uplift spirits, encourage belief in the impossible and renew hope; and

WHEREAS, Transformation comes in how “a wish” forever changes the lives of kids, their families, and their entire communities; and

WHEREAS, Communities are brought together in their common goal to support neighbors and friends in live-changing experiences; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish® has one program, granting wishes for children facing critical illness, and further recognizes that COVID-19 has created new health worries, added isolation, and increased vulnerability for “wish kids” and their families; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has further intensified the importance of the wish journey and elevated the power of the thought of a wish as welcome relief from the daily burden of critical care and now COVID-19 implications; and

WHEREAS, a Sunshine Box is a tailored gift to the child based on age and interests meant to bring unexpected joy and surprise to children while they wait for their wishes to be fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, a Sunshine Box can greatly help bring a smile to the nearly 100 kids in the El Paso area that are waiting to receive their wish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that we encourage El Paso County Employees, Departments, and Offices to consider sponsoring individual or group Sunshine Boxes to bring much-needed smiles to these special kids in our community as they wait for their wishes to be fulfilled and further recognize August 2021 as Sunshine Month in El Paso County, Texas.

SIGNED, this 2nd day of August 2021

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge