



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, Stephen D. Mills helped found the Veterans Non Profit, an organization that provides services to low-income veterans in the El Paso area, with the level of compassion and dignity that all beings are entitled to; and

**WHEREAS**, it got its start when Mr. Mills, whose job it was to work with homeless veterans to provide job training and job placement under a Department of Labor grant, approached his non-denominational church asking them to form a committee to help fill gaps in the services that he kept encountering; the church saw the need for the services he was describing and the “Veterans Committee” was formed in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the need was so much and as the work progressed it was decided, with the blessing of the religious community, that it was time for the group to form its own non-profit with 501(c) (3) status; on March 18th, 2015, the group received its non-profit status from the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, among the services provided are a food pantry and clothing closet for veterans and their families and a pet food pantry for their service animals and pets; the agency also has a partnership with two barber schools who provide veterans with free haircuts and are a participating agency working with Sun Metro to provide veterans with a free 90-day bus pass and discounted prices; and

**WHEREAS**, the agency works hard to build and maintain a network with other organizations, including with the County Veterans Advisory Board, which serve the same demographic to maximize opportunities for veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen D. Mills was born on May 5, 1959, and entered into rest on May 26, 2022, at the age of 63; He is survived by his wife, Julia G. Mills; sons, Sebastian Perez and Ernesto Perez; daughter, Sheila Mills-Scherder; son-in-law, Jay Scherder; and grandsons, Jacob Gorman and Trevor Gorman, and he will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that El Paso County recognizes the service and dedication of Stephen D. Mills, and extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Mills.

**SIGNED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022

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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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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge