

**WHEREAS**, the success of El Paso County and its residents depends on making sure that all feel welcome here and are a vital part of our community — bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the economy and creating vibrant diversity that we all value.

**WHEREAS**, this week, we honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together across the country. During Welcoming Week, we invite all residents of El Paso and organizations to join this movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by acting in the spirit of welcoming. By working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make the County of El Paso the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots, and grow, and contribute to El Paso's long-term economic growth.

**WHEREAS**, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are El Pasoans, united in our efforts to build a stronger TEXAS. By recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home.

**WHEREAS**, let us come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at their best. Let us come together to create more prosperous communities and to reaffirm that TEXAS still stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

**WHEREAS**, the work of creating welcoming and inclusive communities is best shared by all of us--government and civil society, business and nonprofits, federal, state, and local--and we call on our fellow El Pasoans to join and uplift efforts to make ours a welcoming, inclusive place to live.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the El Paso County Commissioners Court, call upon the people of El Paso County and all community organizations to join together to build stronger communities and do hereby proclaim the week of September 10-18, 2022, as Welcoming Week.

**SIGNED**, this  $12^h$  day of September, 2022

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge