



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, Sonny Powell, also known as Edward Powell Jr., was born on May 11, 1942, in Waco, Texas. His parents moved to El Paso when he was just 18 months old. As a young boy, he learned to cook, iron, wash dishes, and tend to his three younger siblings; and,

**WHEREAS**, with all those responsibilities this didn't keep him out of trouble. Edward Powell attended reform school and when he returned, he found his passion and was determined to become a performing musician; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sonny first started in a small band of five and after a few years of performing, he joined a group of nine other musicians that became known as the Nite Dreamers. The Nite dreamers would perform at many local charity functions, and were also a part of hosing outreaches in the El Paso community; and,

**WHEREAS**, One of Sonny's favorite phrases was: "Ni mas rico, ni mas pobre. Not anymore richer, nor anymore poorer;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Sonny helped many young men become musicians through the years and mentored young aspiring musicians. The Nite Dreamers recorded a several songs like: "I Just Do," "Wisdom of a Fool," and Otis' Redding's – "Mr. Pitiful" which made Sonny well known for in El Chuco; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sonny passed peacefully on August 19, 2022, at the age of 80, leaving the love of his life of 60 plus years. Sonny is survived by his only sibling, his children, his son in laws, his grandchildren, and great grandchildren, that loved him very much.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court celebrates and recognizes Edward Powell Jr. for his incredible legacy as a musician, father, and his outreach in the community of El Paso County.

**SIGNED**, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022

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Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

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Commissioner David C. 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