



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) officially formed on November 1, 2013, with the mission to support their fellow veterans and their families, proudly celebrated its 10th Anniversary on November 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) has conducted 8 Annual Veterans Food Drives which support El Paso and the surrounding communities Veterans and their families. These food drives have collected over 100,000 pounds of food, clothing, furniture, and other items needed by our Veterans. The EPVRA's Annual Food Drive has become the largest dedicated event in supporting our Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) has conducted specific food and support drives in support of the 3rd Battalion-133rd Field Artillery Regiment (Texas Army National Guard) "GUNSLINGERS" and other Army National Guard units as they conduct border and other operations in Texas; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) during the COVID-19 pandemic coordinated efforts with the Texas and Alabama Army National Guards and within a years' time distributed over 80,000 pounds of food, water, medical supplies, and other necessities throughout El Paso County. The EPVRA also helped in coordinating with the Army National Guard as it supported El Paso County and its efforts including working in the county morgue and other difficult but extremely vital assignments; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) has supported other vital events such as the Marines Toys 4 Tots Drive, the Child Crisis Center, the Fosters Childrens Court, the Veterans Treatment Court. Remaining committed to supporting other needs and services; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) collaborated with El Paso County Tax Assessor Collector Ruben Gonzalez and State Representative Lina Ortega in the preparing and passing of Texas House Bill 1633. H.B. 1633 greatly reduced the penalties imposed by Senate Bill 792 which imposed new severe parking penalties on Veterans with Disabled Veterans Plates; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) collaborated with Precinct #3 Commissioner Illiana Holguin to help organize the Veterans residing in San Elizario, Fabens, Clint, Tornillo, and Socorro into one voice for the entire lower valley and within a few months the Lower Valley Veterans Alliance (LVVA) was formed. The LVVA has become the voice for Veterans residing in the Lower Valley; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) has assisted and supported Emergence Health Network's Veterans One Stop Center move from the northeast to the eastside of El Paso. The Veterans One Stop Center's move greatly helped fill the gap in providing quality mental health care to Veterans residing in east El Paso while remining vigilant in the support of all Veterans residing in El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) supports El Paso County's Veteran Capital of the U.S.A. and will ensure this great initiative continues to grow and continue in its support all of El Paso's Veterans. The EPVRA remains honored, grateful and humbled for the support received from El Paso County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego, Commissioners Carlos Leon, David Stout, Iliana Holguin, Sergio Coronado and all El Paso County elected officials and employees; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) many successful operations reflect greatly upon themselves it clearly proves why El Paso County will continue to remain the Veterans Capital of the U.S.A. as we work together in support of our Veterans and our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court do hereby congratulate the El Paso Veterans & Riders Association (EPVRA) on their 10th anniversary and celebrate their continued commitment to our veteran community!

SIGNED, this 4th of December 2023

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego