

WHEREAS, El Paso was forever changed by the horrific and senseless tragedy that befell our community on August 3, 2019. The pain that was felt in El Paso and across our Border echoed throughout the Nation as we all mourned the beautiful lives that were taken; and,

WHEREAS, as we plan for the unveiling of El Paso County's Healing Garden on August 3, 2021 in honor of those we lost, we call on all entities, organizations, businesses and school districts near and far to join El Paso and participate in a month long series of events in order to light a path toward goodwill, healing and unity; and,

WHEREAS, organizations in El Paso and throughout the Nation are encouraged to organize and promote conversations and activities that provide education on the rich heritage of the Hispanic community, activities that offer connection and unity during a time when many of us are so secluded, as well as activities that may offer support for those healing from past traumas and suffering; and,

WHEREAS, we will work together so that our Healing Garden may become a significant heritage site, and may this initiative allow us to create new ways of dreaming, hoping and telling our story anew; and,

WHEREAS, only in unity can we bring out the best in humanity and overcome the hatred in our society that led to this horrible act. If we teach our children at a young age to be compassionate, accepting, and understanding of the differences that make us so diverse, then they will have the power to truly make a difference in the world and prevent tragedies such as this from happening again; and,

WHEREAS, we made a valiant effort to honor those we lost as our one year anniversary intertwined with a pandemic. This year, we are committed to creating a powerful echo throughout the Nation to honor all those who were impacted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that July 3^{rd} to August 3^{rd} be declared as a:

Month of Unity and Healing

SIGNED, this 8th day of March 2021

Commissioner Carlo Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2 Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3 Commissioner Carl L. Robinson, Pct. 4 Kuardo A. amaniejo County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego