RESOLUTION # 02-19-13

Whereas, The University of Texas Board of Regents unanimously approved an initiative to authorize Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa to work with the Texas Legislature to establish a new university that includes the University of Texas-Pan American, the University of Texas-Brownsville, and a medical school to be located in the Rio Grande Valley;

Whereas approval will unite the entities into one regional emerging research university and will become the only emerging researching university with a medical school;

Whereas this unified university will be the second largest Hispanic institution in the nation;

Whereas the new university will capitalize on its location along the border and will enhance bicultural and bi-literate education for this rapidly growing population;

Whereas, this new university may become eligible for revenue from the Permanent University Fund, a major catalyst for building a world-class research university; and

Whereas, this new university and medical school is predicted to generate approximately 7,000 new jobs with an average salary of approximately $63,000 in South Texas;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Palmhurst supports the creation of a new University with an accompanying medical school in the Rio Grande Valley with a presence in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, and Rio Grande City.

Submitted by:

Mayor Ramiro J. Rodriguez, Jr.

Date: January 19, 2013

Voted on at the City Council meeting of the City of Palmhurst with the following results:

☐ Votes for: 5

☐ Votes against: 0

Resolution carries/fail