RESOLUTION NO. 13R-01

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PAN AMERICAN AND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE MERGER WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, The Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. wishes to encourage educational opportunities and economic ventures in Harlingen, within Cameron County and the Rio Grande Valley, Texas,

WHEREAS, on December 6th, 2012, The University of Texas System 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 at Brownsville, the University of Texas-Pan American and the future South Texas School of Medicine, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents also approved the allocation of $100 million over the next 10 years to accelerate the pace of transitioning the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to a school of medicine., and

WHEREAS, Jon Hockenyos, founder and president of the economic analysis and public policy consulting firm TXP, estimated that the new university and school of medicine would likely account for 7,000 new jobs in the Rio Grande Valley – 10,000 if economic development impact of the new university is factored in.

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Pan American President Robert Nelsen and The University of Texas at Brownsville President Juliet V. Garcia expressed their support of the plan;

WHEREAS, The Harlingen Economic Development and the South Texas Medical Foundation have spent a tremendous amount of time, money and resources toward establishing and supporting the Regional Academic Health Center;

WHEREAS, The University of Texas System has spent a tremendous amount of time, money and resources toward establishing and supporting the Regional Academic Health Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HARLINGEN, INC.:

Section 1. That the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. wishes to lend its support for The University of Texas System to establish a new university that includes The University of Texas Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville and transitioning The Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to The South Texas School of Medicine.

Section 2. That the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. encourages its citizens and businesses to support and encourage The University of Texas System to establish a new university with a future school of medicine in Harlingen that will benefit the Rio Grande Valley and all of south Texas for years to come.
CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th Day of January, 2013 at a regular meeting of the Development Corporation of Harlingen, Inc. at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5 SUBTITLE A, CHAPTER 551, as amended.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HARLINGEN, INC.

Rick Ledesma, Board President

ATTEST:

Dr. J. Gilbert Leal, Board Secretary