

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT 2017-07

FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

Whereas, the Texas Gulf Coast from the areas of the Coastal Bend, Golden Crescent, Houston/Galveston and inland throughout Southeast Texas experienced widespread devastation from the effects of Hurricane Harvey,

Whereas, all the Texas Gulf Coast, including the Rio Grande Valley community prepared as Hurricane Harvey moved through the Gulf of Mexico and eventually made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor at 10 p.m., August 25, 2017,

Whereas, much of the country watched in empathy and concern for our Texas brothers and sisters as Hurricane Harvey caused severe wind damage and flooding of historic proportion already estimating it as the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history,

Whereas, the Rio Grande Valley quickly responded in an overwhelming show of support by opening our shelters, schools, and doors to evacuees from throughout the impacted areas of Texas,

Whereas, our cities, counties and organizations swiftly dispatched and mobilized countless resources, such as public safety, emergency management and first responders, public works equipment and staff, medical resources, emergency supplies, and financial donations,


Whereas, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the regional Council of Governments serving and representing Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties acknowledge that the recovery efforts will inevitably be a long-term endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the cities and counties represented by the LRGVDC, as follows:

THAT, we show appreciation to all the cities, counties, and organizations that provided relief efforts through personnel and financial support and continue to stand by Texas as we recover and rebuild from this historic and devastating natural disaster, and

- (1) Continue to open our doors, schools, and resources to all those individuals and families displaced by damage to their homes; and
- (2) Provide support, technical assistance, and resources to all federal, state and local organizations involved in the recovery and rebuilding process; and
- (3) Remain committed to further assist, as called upon, again as we once did to support and embrace all the communities impacted by the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 27th day of September 2017 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors.



Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez,
Board President