

# RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO

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Know All Men By These Presents:

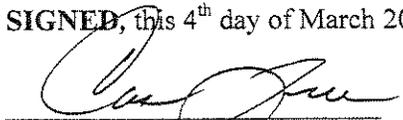
*WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, individuals who are accused of criminal offenses are entitled to assistance of counsel; and*

*WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court, on March 18, 1963, held in the case of Gideon v. Wainwright that the right to trial counsel in a criminal prosecution exists whether or not the accused has the money to hire a lawyer, such that courts have the authority and the duty to appoint counsel under the United States Constitution and the laws of the States; and*

*WHEREAS, equal access to counsel promotes substantive and procedural fairness and improves the quality of justice afforded to all members of our community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court recognize March 2013 as the 50th Anniversary Month of Gideon v. Wainwright in commemoration of this great principle of American Justice.*

SIGNED, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013



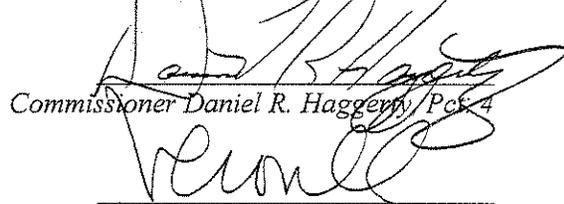
Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1



Commissioner Vincent M. Perez, Pct. 3



Commissioner Sergio Lewis, Pct. 2



Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4



Veronica Escobar  
County Judge

