RESOLUTION

2017 Rio Grande Valley Regional Tire "Road to Recycling" Project

ADDRESSING TIRE DISPOSAL ISSUES WITHIN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

WHEREAS, communities of the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) have a duty to protect the natural environment, the economy and the health of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the illegal dumping of tires, and tire piles across the region have become a severe epidemic causing hazards in waterways, threatening economic development, impacting tourism areas and serving as breeding grounds for rodents and mosquitoes that carry harmful viruses.

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) will exhibit regional collaboration and sharing of resources through a joint project involving various cities of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy; and

WHEREAS, deliverables of the project would include a community awareness campaign featuring designated periods for community clean-up and amnesty drop-off sites, located in cities across the Valley; and

WHEREAS, this project will serve as the starting point for additional coordination of regional resources and jurisdictions to create a measureable effect on reducing tire waste across the Valley.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of residents of the LRGV to address the concerns of illegal and improper tire disposal within our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council,

THAT, the LRGVDC, various cities of the Rio Grande Valley and the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy will join efforts towards addressing illegal and improper tire disposal through the 2017 "Road to Recycling" regional tire project.

Adopted this <u>29th</u> day of March, 2017 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors.

Honorable Tony Martinez, LRGVDC Board President