

# Proclamation

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
CITY OF MCALLEN



**WHEREAS**, the Lipan Apache Tribe also known as the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is a sovereign American Indian tribe, composed of multiple bands and family groups, living on their historical homeland for hundreds of years in what has become the state of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Lipan Apache Tribe is represented by a tribal government with a constitution and bylaws, and the tribe is a voting member of the National Congress of American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lipan Apache Tribe has a culture rich in traditions and heritage that has been handed down one generation to the next; they have maintained their sense of community until the present day, despite tremendous challenge and trials; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Lipan Apache Tribe have faithfully served in the armed forces defending the United States in WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in other deployments; moreover, the Tribe honors the many veterans who served; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Lipan Apache Tribe continue to serve local communities as good citizens in local government, education, law enforcement, fire protection, medicine as well as essential workers in many other important occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lipan Apaches of the Poca Ropa Band in McAllen and the Lower Rio Grande Valley are members of the same proud people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of McAllen takes great pride in its diversity, and is pleased to recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe as a historical American Indian tribe that for over 50 years has publicly shared with the people of McAllen and the Lower Rio Grande Valley their traditions and culture through music, dance, and educational presentations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Javier Villalobos, City Commissioner of the City of McAllen, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the Mayor and City Commission, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2020, as:

***“Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas Day”***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of McAllen to be affixed on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

Javier Villalobos, City Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

*Perla Lara*  
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM  
City Secretary

