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**Call to Action: County Treasurer Raul Reyes Encourages Community to Register to Vote on National Voter Registration Day.**

Laredo, Texas – On Tuesday, September 22, 2020, County Treasurer Raul Reyes, Pct. 1 County Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez, Pct. 2 County Commissioner Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, Pct. 2 Constable Miguel “Mike” Villarreal and Justice of the Peace Roberto “Bobby” Quintana joined with thousands of other elected officials across the country to celebrate National Voter Registration Day, a civic holiday that aims to help all eligible voters participate in our democracy. The nonpartisan day of action involved a coordinated field of technology, and media efforts to register voters and raise awareness of state-specific registration policies, deadlines, and voting information.

The group of elected official will held the voter registration drive at the Jesus “Chuy” Salazar Justice Center Parking Lot from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. To help ensure the further success of the holiday, Webb County Officials called upon community partners within Webb County –including libraries, colleges and universities, nonprofits, businesses, and more—to join in this effort by signing up as an official holiday partner and to host a local registration drive—either on or offline—on National Voter Registration Day.

“National Voter Registration Day is an opportunity for partner organizations across the country to get involved civically for the good of our shared democracy, and to help make up for the millions of registrations that were lost earlier this year due to COVID-19” said Brian Miller, executive director of the collaborative National Voter Registration Day effort. “While events across the country might look a bit different this year due to the pandemic, we are honored to support the work of

thousands of partners that are planning to celebrate the holiday this year in whatever way works best in their communities.”

“We want to ensure that every eligible resident of Webb County is registered to vote and participates in our democratic elections. Let us honor those who have struggled and fought to give us all a voice by being prepared to cast our Vote this year,” said Treasurer Reyes.

The registration was conducted in a drive-thru/curbside manner from 3:00pm to 7:00pm and everyone was asked to wear their mask and respective personal protective equipment when deemed necessary.

National Voter Registration Day is held on the fourth Tuesday of every September. Since 2012, nearly 3 million voters have registered on the holiday. The holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the National Association of Election Officials (The Election Center). Visit [NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org](http://NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org) for more information.

More local information can be found and obtained at the Webb County’s Elections Office by calling 956-523-4050 or visiting their website at [www.webbcountytx.gov/ElectionsAdministration](http://www.webbcountytx.gov/ElectionsAdministration).