

## RESOLUTION

**DESIGNATING AND CREATING A NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE, NUMBER ONE, COUNTY OF WEBB, AND RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LAREDO'S FINDINGS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE ZONE IN THE DOWNTOWN AND HEIGHTS AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT.**

**WHEREAS, the County Commissioner's Court for the County of Webb within the City of Laredo desires to see the redevelopment and revitalization of targeted areas of the City; and,**

**WHEREAS, the creation of affordable housing, including manufacturing housing, coupled with economic development, and the increase in social services, education, public safety are also high priority issues for the County of Webb; and,**

**WHEREAS, the County of Webb recognizes different economic development tools used in other municipalities, and determined that Neighborhood Empowerment Zones have been used effectively and with positive results in other communities facing the same economic challenges facing the County of Webb; and,**

**WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone program, as codified in Section 378 of the Texas Local Government Code, has provided municipalities a framework and authorization to provide certain incentives to both residential and commercial property owners, with the goal of achieving redevelopment of targeted areas by creation of a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone; and,**

**WHEREAS, the County of Webb, pursuant to Section 378.003, makes the necessary findings that the county and area within the Laredo's NEZ #1 will benefit the area, and serve the public purpose of increasing public health, safety and welfare of persons in the municipality; and,**

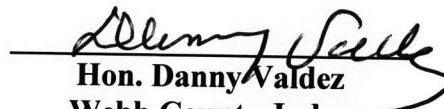
**WHEREAS, creation of the zone by the County of Webb does satisfy requirements set forth in Section 378.002; and,**

**WHEREAS, with the County Commissioner's Court also authorizes the development of policies and guidelines, which set the general framework for how the NEZ #1 will incent development and redevelopment within the boundary of the Zone;**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS:**

- 1. That the County Commissioner's Court hereby designates the area described in the attached boundary description and attached map as the County of Webb/Laredo Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Number One, County of Webb**
- 2. The County Commissioner's Court further resolves that the Economic Development Department will be responsible for the program, and authorizes that Department to prepare the necessary application form, and administrative procedures for implementation of the program.**
- 3. The County Commissioner's Court further resolves that the NEZ #1 guidelines will serve as the framework for the implementation of the program.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Webb County, Texas on the 21 day of May, 2014.

  
Hon. Danny Valdez  
Webb County Judge

Attest:  
  
Margie Ibarra  
Webb County Clerk

