



## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** *Rafael Palafox has held various positions with the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund since joining on February 2, 1995; and*
- WHEREAS,** *through his most recent role as Texas Senior Coordinator, Rafael worked diligently and continued to expand NALEO's "Ve y Vota!" Campaign in Texas through voter registration activities, phone banks, hotline promotions, naturalization oath ceremonies, and other voter engagement activities throughout Harris County; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Rafael's unwavering commitment and service to NALEO Educational Fund's mission was inspired by his family's immigration story. Rafael witnessed firsthand how challenging it can be to become a naturalized citizen. He found it rewarding to help applicants one-on-one and was especially gratified when applicants referred their friends and families to NALEO Educational Fund for assistance; and*
- WHEREAS,** *through his leadership, the NALEO Educational Fund organized citizenship forums in Harris County and throughout Texas, providing free assistance with the naturalization application process to thousands of lawful permanent residents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Rafael became known as "Mr. NALEO" by his colleagues, illustrating his fundamental service to NALEO Education Fund; and*
- WHEREAS,** *while Rafael will be dearly missed, his commitment and willingness to make a difference will remain in the program, along with the fondness and respect his peers and community members hold in his regard; and*
- WHEREAS,** *after 27 years of service, Rafael begins a well-earned retirement, with his wife of 42 years, Ethel, his two daughters, and his four grandchildren. Rafael is excited to spend time with his family and tackle some outstanding home projects in the next few months.*

**BE IT RESOLVED,** *that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby commends*  
**Rafael Palafox**  
*for his career in public service and commitment to the residents of Harris County.*

**ADOPTED** *on this 2nd day of August 2022.*

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**Lina Hidalgo**  
*County Judge*

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**Rodney Ellis**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 1*

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**Adrian Garcia**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 2*

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**Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 3*

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**R. Jack Cagle**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 4*

*Attest:*

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**Teneshia Hudspeth**  
*County Clerk*