PROCLAMATION

World TB Day

Whereas, March 24th has been designated as “World Tuberculosis (TB) Day” by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, tuberculosis is the number one infectious disease killer in the world claiming over 2,000,000 lives each year; and

Whereas, there were 7 TB cases reported in Starr County in 2010 which is a rate of 10.4 per 100,000 versus the state rate of 5.5, and versus the U.S. rate of 3.6 cases per 100,000 in 2010; and

Whereas, currently, the DSIDS HSR-11 Tuberculosis Elimination Program has 17 patients on preventive treatment and has 2 active TB cases who are receiving directly observed therapy (DOT) here in Starr County; and

Whereas, in 2011 there were 73 Bi-National TB cases which included 28 susceptible TB cases, 15 drug resistant cases, 29 multi-drug resistant cases and 1 extensively drug resistant case being treated through the DSIDS, HSR-11 Bi-National Project “Grupo Sin Fronteras;” and

Whereas, TB is contracted by being exposed for a lengthy period of time to a person with active pulmonary TB disease, usually when this person coughs, laughs, talks, or sneezes; and

Whereas, TB is a curable disease and all diagnostic and treatment services are provided free of charge to any person by the DSIDS HSR-11.

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

1. Do hereby proclaim March 24th of the year 2012, as:

   "Tuberculosis Awareness Day"

   in the County of Starr, Texas, and urge all citizens of the community to become informed about tuberculosis and seek medical assistance from the Texas Department of State Health Services TB Elimination Program if at risk for contracting this disease or concerned about having been exposed.

Passed and approved this day of March 12, 2012

Eloy Vera, Starr County Judge

Dennis Gonzalez, Starr County Clerk