

**Proclamation Honoring the Center for Mexican American Studies at UT Arlington
on its 30th Anniversary and in Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, through the efforts of State Representative Roberto Alonzo of Dallas, the 73rd Texas Legislature authorized the creation of the **Center for Mexican American Studies** in 1993 as the University of Texas at Arlington's focal point for interdisciplinary education, research, publication and public outreach activities relating to Mexican Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Center began operating under its founding director, José Ángel Gutiérrez; and

WHEREAS, CMAS is commemorating its 30th anniversary of conducting scholarship, research and advocacy in the field of Mexican American studies; and has worked tirelessly to advance knowledge and understanding of Mexican American history, culture and contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, the Center plays a pivotal role in nurturing future leaders equipped to engage with the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world; and

WHEREAS, we commend CMAS for its unwavering dedication to social progress; and

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15 is recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating the rich cultural contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latino individuals in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby honor the Center for Mexican American Studies and pledge to promote its continued success and prosperity. We designate September 15 through October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Tarrant County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Center as an expression of our sincere appreciation for its outstanding contributions to our shared commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and mutual respect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 19th day of September 2023.