



City of McAllen



# Proclamation

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
CITY OF McALLEN

*WHEREAS*, the Native American tribes (who were the first Texans) have enriched our shared heritage with their culture and traditions, and the historical role of the Lipan Apaches in the State's development is indeed worthy of special praise and recognition; and

*WHEREAS*, many of the Lipan Apaches' families migrated into the Rio Grande Valley Region (primarily McAllen) to start a new life as citizens of Texas. Among those migrating was the Soto Family, direct descendants of the Lipan Apaches of Texas, whom for over 100 years have continued to practice their culture and traditional customs; and

*WHEREAS*, the Soto Family founded the South Texas Indian Dancer's Association over 30 years ago and have played an active role in the community of McAllen, the Rio Grande Valley, and Texas; and

*WHEREAS*, the South Texas Indian Dancer's Association has worked diligently to educate the people of the community in their rich culture by providing presentations at various schools of the Rio Grande Valley. Through these presentations the Association has provided our community with a better understanding of the importance of keeping culture alive through the dances, pow-wows and other social gatherings at the local, national and international levels; and

*WHEREAS*, the South Texas Indian Dancer's Association is committed to educating our community in the areas of arts, crafts and Native American Dancing;

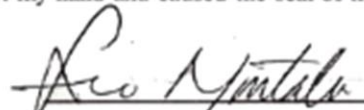
*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Leo Montalvo, Mayor of the City of McAllen, Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim January 22, 2001 as:

*“South Texas Indian Dancer's Day”*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of McAllen to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2001.

ATTEST:

  
Leticia M. Vacek, CMC  
City Secretary

  
Leo Montalvo, Mayor

