



Proclamation

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF McALLEN

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Ballet was founded in 1973 by Doria Avila, a nearby native of Donna seeking a performance venue for his growing group of young dancers. The Rio Grande Valley Ballet is a registered Non-Profit 501(c) Arts Corporation dedicated to promoting the enjoyment and art of dance in all its forms in the Rio Grande Valley and all across the State of Texas with Deborah Case serving as Artistic Director of the ballet company; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in McAllen, Texas, the Rio Grande Valley Ballet has offered *The Nutcracker*, a timeless enchanting story about a Nutcracker Prince who comes to life on Christmas Eve and takes the tale's heroine, Clara, to the delightful Land of Sweets featuring the wonderful tradition of Russian Composer Tchaikovsky's beautiful Christmas Ballet; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 37th anniversary performance of *The Nutcracker* production which makes it the longest running show in all of South Texas and which has become a tradition commencing the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Ballet welcomes over 5,000 local school children for matinee performances on December 10th and 11th at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM, thus expanding their interests in the arts of music and dance. Additional show times are December 12th at 7:00 PM and December 13th at 2:00 PM, at the McAllen Civic Center Auditorium;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hilda Salinas, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of McAllen, Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the Mayor and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim December 10 - 13, 2009 as:

"37th Annual Nutcracker Ballet Production Days"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of McAllen to be affixed on this 23rd day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

Hilda Salinas, Mayor Pro Tem

