

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Dave “Grave” Herrera founded what is known as the “Border Youth Mural Collective; an all-volunteer organization in the City of El Paso to help keep the city clean by giving local artists the opportunity to promote public art and keep them productive since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Jose "Match" Fernandez, Francisco "Kid Ice" Camacho, Mario "Durock " Alvarado, Luie "Skew" Martinez, Myk Yorrobali. These artists and community builders help shape, mentored, and inspired youth in El Paso in positive ways for over 30 years throughout many border walls with community beautification mural works; and

**WHEREAS**, artists were provided with curated, public art wall space, mentoring and re-purposed paint supplies. The organization raised needed, dry good donations to assist local homeless shelters every year as “Border Youth” accomplish the mission of promoting the City of El Paso’s culture, local talent, and uniqueness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 it became known as “The Borderland Jam” and artists from all over the world were invited every year to the City of El Paso to express themselves by creating a mural in selected buildings of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, young local artists were mentored through this project and transformed prior vandalism into public art helping small local businesses to flourish in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 2022 “The Borderland Jam” hosted one of the most successful events in El Paso, over one hundred artists from all over the world participated by leaving murals in South Central El Paso, at the corners of South Cotton Street and E 3rd Avenue;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City of El Paso proudly honors and recognizes the significant contributions of “The Borderland Jam” and Dave “Grave” Herrera throughout many years of service to our community and December 13, 2022, shall be known as, "Borderland Jam and Border Youth Out Beautifying Day.”

APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2022.



**THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser, Mayor

*Laura D. Prine*  
Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

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