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BARBARA CANALES  
County Judge, Nueces County, Texas

June 24, 2020

The Honorable Barbara Canales  
Nueces County Judge's Office  
901 Leopard Street, Room 303  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Canales,

We are pleased to announce that the Nueces County Historical Commission (CHC) has earned a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for the 2019 year of service. While all CHC efforts are valued, DSAs acknowledge above average CHC performance based on a statewide analysis of CHC annual report documentation. Our agency received 185 CHC reports for 2019 and approved 79 awards.

To honor appointees' contributions, **we ask that you acknowledge the award publicly** as soon as possible. Typically, we recommend presenting the enclosed DSA certificate to CHC appointees during a formal meeting of the commissioners court. However, in this time of social distancing, an in-person ceremony may not be feasible. For this reason, we have enclosed a list of other ways to recognize your CHC's outstanding service to the county.

Enclosed is a press release so that your office can promote the DSA award and the CHC's accomplishments. An electronic copy of this press release is posted here: [thc.texas.gov/information-2019-dsa-winning-chcs](http://thc.texas.gov/information-2019-dsa-winning-chcs). If you have not already, please ask your appointees share some of their projects with your office and include this information with the press release when distributing to media outlets. Promoting the CHC's award locally demonstrates your pride in the appointees' hard work.

There is no better time than now to draw attention to the positive aspects of county government and the unique aspects of your county's history. The stories that appointees share and the programs that they offer increase civic pride and will serve to increase visitation to your county in the future.

THC Commissioners and staff congratulate you and your CHC on this well-deserved honor. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to each appointee. Thank you for supporting preservation in your county!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Hammons". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Amy Hammons, CHC Outreach Coordinator

cc: Nueces CHC Chair