



# EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

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## RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, the Pebble Hills High School Spartan Marching Band, under the direction of Band Director Máximo Sierra, has demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, and commitment to excellence in music performance, culminating in their selection to perform in the 136th Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2025, in Pasadena, California; and,

**WHEREAS**, the group, which includes musicians, the dance team and color guard members, prepared for their performance at the Rose Parade, marking the first time a group from El Paso has participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade in its 136-year history, making this a landmark moment for the community and the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rose Bowl, held in the historic stadium of the same name, is the nation's oldest bowl game and has been a cornerstone of the college football postseason since 1902; and,

**WHEREAS**, the path to Pasadena has been paved with hard work, dedication, and a lot of marching, with band director Maximo Sierra, a 23-year teaching veteran, noting that the Spartan Band practiced rigorously to prepare for the parade's 5.5-mile route, despite the challenges of long rehearsals in both the El Paso heat and early-morning cold; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Spartan Marching Band, having trained extensively for months, balanced their preparation for the Rose Parade with continued rehearsals for football halftime shows, marching competitions, and ensemble performances; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Director Sierra, the band demonstrated a commitment to maintaining strong marching fundamentals while adjusting to the unique requirements of performing in the Rose Parade, ensuring their ability to showcase their talent and represent the community with pride; and,

**WHEREAS**, this historic participation in the Rose Parade is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the members of the Pebble Hills Spartan Marching Band, the first group from El Paso to do so, bringing immense pride to the school, the Socorro Independent School District, and the entire El Paso community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the band's outstanding achievements exemplify the hard work and perseverance of its students, staff, and director, as well as the support of their families and the broader community, showing what can be achieved through dedication and teamwork.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court recognize and celebrate Pebble Hills High School Spartan Marching Band's exemplary achievements and continued dedication to the arts, and to extend congratulations to all members for their hard work and success.

**SIGNED**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025

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Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

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Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

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Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

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County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego