

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army was founded in England in 1865 by William and Evangeline Booth, to serve the less fortunate in the name of God without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army has been providing these services in El Paso County since 1899, making it the second oldest non-profit organization in our community; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of homeless adults, veterans, children and families have benefited by these various services and case management efforts provided to the residents of El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army has served as a partner with many agencies, civic organizations, county and city governments and Emergency Disaster Services; and

WHEREAS, area citizens have supported the Salvation Army's efforts with clothing, food and monetary donations to assist those in need through the years; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army is a non-profit organization which now offers daily overnight shelter to adult homeless men and women through the Gideon's Point Overnight Shelter Program, which was previously restricted only when emergency weather conditions existed; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, 2012, 96 individuals were assisted through various programs such as; permanent housing, mental health, psychiatric help, Veterans assistance, employment, legal, medical and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army will be inaugurating the Emergency Family Center located at 4300 East Paisano Avenue as the Red Shield Family Center to support the increasing demand of homeless services for families and adult individuals, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court recognize The Salvation Army for the good work they do in El Paso County and encourages the public to continue to support their work and their mission especially as they have expanded their umbrella of services for the less privileged in our community.

SIGNED, this 11th day of June, 2012.

Commissioner Anna Perez, Pct. 1

Commissioner Sergio Lewis, Pct. 2

Commissioner Tania M. Chozet, Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4

Veronica Escobar
County Judge