

A RESOLUTION THANKING  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on human health and welfare during the past year, and has caused more than 3.17 million deaths worldwide, including more than 574,000 in the United States;

Whereas serious and long-lasting sequelae of the disease have affected the lives of many of the 151 million people who have been infected worldwide, including more than 32 million in our country;

Whereas the incidence of the COVID-19, and the mortality and morbidity rates attributed to it, have been especially high among residents of the Rio Grande Valley (RGV);

Whereas the leaders of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) and of the School of Medicine (SoM) administrations made major commitments to planning and developing a COVID-19 vaccine program and procuring resources for its implementation;

Whereas the first vaccine approved for use in the United States left the factory of origin in Michigan on December 13, 2020;

Whereas the UTRGV vaccination program administered the first vaccines to residents of the Rio Grande Valley on December 15, 2020;

Whereas many SoM and UT Health RGV faculty, staff, and students have worked far beyond the normal expectations of their professional positions to enable the large-scale administration of the vaccines in a short time frame;

Whereas many volunteers from among the faculty, staff, and students, as well as other members of the RGV community, have made and continue to make major commitments of time and effort to enabling the success of the program;

Whereas the faculty, staff, students, and volunteers had administered more than 12,000 vaccines by January 29, 2021, while working through the UTRGV winter holidays;

Whereas the vaccination program continues to move forward as quickly and efficiently as permitted by the rate of acquisition of additional vials of vaccine; and

Whereas many lives already have been saved by the speed at which the vaccines were procured and administered, and many more will be saved by the vaccines administered in the weeks and months ahead; now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Faculty Senate, on behalf of the General Faculty:

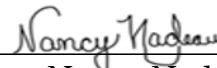
Recognizes the extraordinary effort and the exceptional success of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), particularly the School of Medicine (SoM) and University of Texas Health Rio Grande Valley (UT Health RGV), in implementing and conducting the COVID-19 vaccination program; and it thanks the faculty, staff, students, and volunteers for their selfless dedication to serving the community of the Rio Grande Valley during this public health crisis.

Adopted and approved on February 8, 2021.



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