

## **RESOLUTION 2012-25**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO EXTEND GREAT APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMERCIAL LAUNCH SITE PROJECT BY SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY CORP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Feria is a Home-Rule municipality located in Cameron County, Texas created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to enabling legislation of the State of Texas, the Home-Rule Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of La Feria; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Feria promotes economic and industrial development through its Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Corporation and is dedicated to building economic prosperity in La Feria and the Rio Grande Valley region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boca Chica Beach area at one point was considered for a launch site 50 years ago when NASA was exploring launch options for its program; and

**WHEREAS**, Space Exploration Technology Corp., also known as SpaceX, is a sustainable and environmentally conscious enterprise practicing and designing efforts on a major project, has shortlisted Brownsville, Texas as one of three finalists for a rocket launch site operation; and the SpaceX project, dubbed a Commercial Cape Canaveral, will increase the presence of the aerospace industry in South Texas and solidify the state in space leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, SpaceX's proposal to launch the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy orbital launch vehicles from a private site in proximity to Boca Chica Beach and proposes to build a vertical launch site and a launch control center; and the proposed vertical launch site land is currently undeveloped and located away from populated areas in proximity to State Highway 4; and

**WHEREAS**, The Greater Brownsville Borderplex has been actively working with SpaceX for one year, and SpaceX would add a seventh mode of transportation for Brownsville, which include international bridge, interstate highway, barge traffic, deep-sea vessel, air cargo, international pipeline, and now be adding transport to space; and


**WHEREAS**, SpaceX would have a significant impact in Cameron County through direct, indirect and induced job creation through the emergence of an aerospace cluster; and a project of this magnitude would create great opportunities for local schools and higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Of utmost importance is the public-private partnership between SpaceX, Greater Brownsville and Cameron County which will embrace stewardships between business, trade, commerce, education, culture, history and the environment

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of La Feria move to extend great appreciation and support of the commercial launch site project by Space Exploration Technology Corp.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2012.**

**APPROVED:**




**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
**Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney**