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**Arizona House of Representatives**

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## **Representatives Rivero and Chávez Congratulate Juan Hernandez on Appointment to Guanajuatense Government**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representatives Tony Rivero (R-21) and César Chávez (D-29) today offered a proclamation congratulating Juan Hernandez on his appointment to Secretary Migration and Foreign Affairs of Guanajuato, Mexico.

Secretary Hernandez was essential to organizing last year's [bipartisan delegation to Mexico](#), which included 26 members of the Arizona Legislature.

**“I’ve had the privilege to work with Juan Hernandez for many years now, and I’m pleased to congratulate him on his new role with Guanajuato,”** said Representative Rivero.

**“Secretary Hernandez’s experience and knowledge on the collaboration between Arizona and Mexico, on issues such as immigration, trade, tourism, and education, will surely work to our state’s benefit.”**

**“The creation of the Secretary of Human Mobility and Migration proves that Governor-Elect Diego Sinhue’s leadership is a vision that not only includes the population of the State of Guanajuato, but those in the United States who are facing the struggles of being undocumented,”** said Representative Chávez. **“Appointing Juan Hernandez brings a level of expertise and compassion that is unmatched. It has been a pleasure working with Juan on numerous projects, and it will be an honor to continue working with him in his new capacity.”**

Text of the proclamation is below.

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*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been a leader in promoting good relations between the United States and Mexico; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez was born in the United States and received his B.A. from Lawrence University and his Doctorate at Texas Christian University; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been an advisor and confidante to leaders both in the United States and Mexico, including former Presidents Bush and Fox; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been recognized as a leader on issues such as immigration, trade, and politics; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been an advocate for immigrants and expert on immigration policy; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been a friend of Arizona, and was critical in helping to facilitate the Arizona Legislature's historic visit to Mexico; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez has been instrumental in growing a stronger relationship between the States of Guanajuato and Arizona; and*

*Whereas, Juan Hernandez will be appointed to serve as Guanajuato's Secretary of Migration and Foreign Affairs;*

*Now, therefore, Representatives Tony Rivero and César Chávez:*

- (1) recognize Juan Hernandez's long-standing work to bring the United States and Mexico closer together;*
- (2) commend Juan Hernandez for helping to facilitate the Arizona Legislature's visit of Guanajuato;*
- (3) praise Juan Hernandez's lifetime of service in international relations and on behalf of immigrants;*
- (4) congratulate Juan Hernandez on his appointment and encourage even closer cooperation between Arizona and Guanajuato.*

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