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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Cameron County Parks and Recreation's Andy Bowie Park Adopt-A-Beach site to be dedicated to Monica Vela**

Coastal advocate served as site coordinator for 23 years

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Today Commissioner George P. Bush announced that the Cameron County Park Adopt-A-Beach site will be dedicated in honor of Monica Vela who served as the site's coordinator for 23 years.

Monica C. Vela, a resident of Port Isabel, passed away at home with her family on Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. She married Pedro Vela, Sr., and together they raised two children, Pedro, Jr., and Paul. Monica dedicated her life to her community and volunteered in several capacities, including serving as an Adopt-A-Beach site coordinator at Cameron County Park beaches for 23 years on South Padre Island. For more information about the life of Monica Vela, please view her obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/brownsvilleherald/obituary.aspx?n=monica-c-vela&pid=175528187>.

"Volunteers are the heart of the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "Monica Vela was a dedicated public servant who loved her family, church, community, and the Adopt-A-Beach program. We are honored to dedicate the Cameron County Park Adopt-A-Beach site in honor of Monica's service and appreciation for the Texas Coast."

Volunteers who would like to help in honor of Monica Vela can find locations online at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or show up on-site Saturday morning to take part in a fun-filled day at the beach that makes a difference.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit [www.TexasAdoptABeach.org](http://www.TexasAdoptABeach.org) or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach](http://www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach) or follow us on Twitter [@TXAdoptABeach](https://twitter.com/TXAdoptABeach).

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