



**PROCLAMATION
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court
WORLD TB DAY 2009**

Whereas: 90 cases of active tuberculosis disease were reported in Hidalgo County in 2008; and 60 deaths from complications with TB in the last 9 years, an average of 6 deaths per year; and, an estimated 1,510 Texans per year are infected with the bacterium that causes tuberculosis; and,

Whereas: Texas reports having the 2nd highest number of tuberculosis cases of any state in the nation; and,

Whereas: Hidalgo County reports having the highest rate of tuberculosis in the State of Texas, proportionally by population; and,

Whereas: Each year the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services evaluates approximately 3,000 household members, health care workers and others who share the air of infectious tuberculosis patients who are at risk of becoming infected with the tuberculosis bacterium and progressing to active disease; and,

Whereas: Hidalgo County Health & Human Services is working to ensure prompt diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis cases; implement strategies for tuberculosis prevention; improve working relationship with correctional facilities and managed care organizations; and, control and prevent tuberculosis transmission in health care facilities and community settings; and,

Whereas: the theme for this year's World Tuberculosis Day, "Partnerships for TB Elimination", recognizes that tuberculosis is curable and preventable, and that Hidalgo County is choosing to work toward controlling and eliminating the disease; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, County Commissions Court of Hidalgo County, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2009, as WORLD TB DAY in Hidalgo County/Texas and encourage businesses, government agencies, national organizations, community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the Tuberculosis Prevention message throughout their communities. I also encourage public and private health care providers, parents, and children's caregivers in this Hidalgo County/Texas to advance the health of children and adults by ensuring early and on-time TB intervention against preventable tuberculosis disease.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

J.D. Salinas III
Hidalgo County Judge

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Sylvia S. Handy
Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Commissioner