



**URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM
HIDALGO COUNTY
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, has been in effect since April 11, 1968, and has since been amended to include the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development continues to enforce the Fair Housing Act, to ensure that every American retains the fundamental right to choose where he or she lives, raises a family or owns a home; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act protects the rights of all Americans to access housing regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, family status or disability; and,

NOW, THEREFORE WE, by virtue of the authority vested in us as the Commissioners of the County of Hidalgo, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2009, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

throughout the Cities of Hidalgo County, Texas, and encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing the Federal Fair Housing Act and the important role it plays in our community.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this the 7th of April, 2009.

Juan D. Salinas III, Hidalgo County Judge

Sylvia S. Handy, Commissioner, Pct. # 1

Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner, Pct. # 2

Joe M. Flores, Commissioner, Pct. # 3

Oscar L. Garza, Jr., Commissioner, Pct. # 4