

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION

Whereas the "Week of the Young Child" is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 90,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates; and

Whereas the purpose of the "Week of the Young Child" is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Head Start Program under the leadership of the County Commissioners' and Policy Council, share a vision of dedicated services to the economic and social well-being of children and families and are committed to their safety, education and healthy development, with strong community support; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Head Start Program under the leadership of the Commissioner's Court and the Policy Council, provides quality services to 3,690 children between the ages of 3-5 from the neediest families in the County of Hidalgo; and

Whereas these services are in the area of education, health, dental health , mental health, nutrition, special and social services; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Head Start program encourages families to engage in family and community activities that encourage children to explore and develop confidence and literacy skills; and

Whereas the designation of a week of special recognition for the children of Hidalgo County will provide an opportunity for caregivers to reflect on the children's future;

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 through the 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2010 to be "Week of the Young Child" in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to help provide children with the support they need to develop skills and confidence, and to find the inner strength and the will and fire of the human spirit to make their dreams come true.*

Dated this 13th day of April, 2010.

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Hidalgo County Judge

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