

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, security and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than just the occasional family dispute - almost three women are killed by their husbands or boyfriends in this state every week; and

WHEREAS, women are not the only targets-children and the elderly are also counted among victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 percent of the homicides in Hidalgo County over the past three years were domestic violence-related, and domestic violence accounted for 56 percent of aggravated assaults; and

WHEREAS, women are not the only targets-children and the elderly are also counted among victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront the crisis. Law Enforcement Officials, those involved with shelters and hotline services, healthcare providers, the clergy and other concerned citizens, are helping in the efforts to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo would like to commend the numerous volunteers and professionals, and join in the efforts to increase public understanding of this important problem;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as **"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"**.

Approved this 28th day of September, 2010.

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County Clerk