

# ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, 4-H is a community where young people learn leadership, citizenship and life skills; and,

***WHEREAS***, 4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in Texas, with nearly 65,000 youth as enrolled members in community clubs across Texas; and,

***WHEREAS***, 4-H in Texas claims over 850,000 Texas youth get involved in 4-H through special educational opportunities at school, in after school programs, or at neighborhood or youth centers. While youth participation in Hidalgo County's 4-H program is over 640 members in community clubs, we have over 35,000 reached through schools and after school programs. In addition, Hidalgo County has over 400 adult volunteers that help with the program; and,

***WHEREAS***, 4-H as part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is a program where youth learn together in all kinds of projects, events and activities; and,

***WHEREAS***, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow and work together for 103 years in Texas;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I Ramon Garcia, County Judge of Hidalgo, do hereby proclaim October 2-8, 2011 as National 4-H Week in Hidalgo County and urge the people to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program which gives youth the chance to learn together and on their own as part of Hidalgo County 4-H and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our County and the Texas A&M University System.

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***Ramon Garcia***  
***Hidalgo County Judge***

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