

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING April 21, 2012 AS  
"POWERTALK 21™ DAY" IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and

**WHEREAS**, teen alcohol use kills about 6,000 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, PowerTalk 21® day is established on April 21, 2012 to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, MADD Edinburg has partnered with PSJA ISD to distribute over 2,000 copies of materials to parents and students regarding the PowerTalk 21® initiatives ; and

**WHEREAS**, these materials, also distributed across the country, will offer parents a research-based parent handbook to help them talk with their teens about alcohol and encourage adults to consider creating a safer community by becoming involved in reducing underage drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County urges all citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT HEREBY PROCLAIMS APRIL 21, 2012 AS "POWERTALK 21™ DAY" IN HIDALGO COUNTY, ENCOURAGING ALL PARENTS TO TALK WITH THEIR TEENS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRINKING ALCOHOL.**

Dated this 17th day of April, 2012.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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JOEL QUINTANILLA  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk