

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING April 2012 AS NATIONAL COUNTY
GOVERNMENT MONTH - "HEALTHY COUNTIES, HEALTHY FAMILIES"**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are essential to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties is encouraging counties through its 2011-12 "Healthy Counties" presidential initiative; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services and to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, April 21-28 is National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, health is an important issue and of utmost priority to Hidalgo County, the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department will host the "HidalGO KIDS Carnival" on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Palmer Pavilion in McAllen from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The event is FREE and open to the public, providing them an opportunity to get free vaccinations, health information, and motivation to live a healthier life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby proclaims April 2012 as National County Government Month, "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families," and encourages all residents to attend the HidalGO KIDS Carnival.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2012.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk