

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2014
TEXAS VALLEY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Texas Valley Communities Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization created to support and assist school districts and other educational institutions in South Texas seeking to develop and implement effective student college readiness and parental outreach programs; and,

WHEREAS, through its efforts, and with the help from grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Ford Motor Company, State Farm, Meadows Foundation, AT&T, Boeing, Wells Fargo Bank, the Houston Endowment and the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Valley Communities Foundation has created the Engaging Communities for College Readiness (ENCORE) program; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Valley Communities Foundation has developed and implemented exemplary programs to assist the South Texas educational community including: the Harvard University - Texas Graduate Center, the Medical Innovation and Technology Center (MEDITEC), the Parent Academy for Success of Schools (PASOS), and the Girls Engaged in Mathematics (GEMS); and,

WHEREAS, the Founder and President of the Texas Valley Communities Foundation, Dr. Roland S. Arriola, was recognized recently by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony as one of the ten leading Champions of Change in America for his efforts to assist rural community educational institutions in the development of exemplary programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the week of September 15-21, 2014 as Texas Valley Communities Foundation WEEK in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 9th day of September 2014.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
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HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk