

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING APRIL 2015 AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, 66,572 victims of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Child Protective Services had 5,999 investigations of child abuse and neglect in Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, of those cases investigated for abuse and neglect, a total of 2,144 were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, there were no child fatalities as a result of child abuse and neglect in Hidalgo County in 2014; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships between agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 to be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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RAMON GARCIA  
Hidalgo County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO JR.  
County Clerk