

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, every year millions of Americans are directly affected by the more than 37,000 suicides and hundreds of thousands attempted suicide of friends or loved ones; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is the key to preventing the suffering and loss of life. Root causes of suicide involve so many different psychological, physical, social, and spiritual dimensions, successful preventive action requires the combined efforts of individuals, families, communities, organizations, and governments at all levels; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015 a world-wide Suicide Prevention Awareness campaign – Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives – will be observed; and

WHEREAS, in Hidalgo County, the first-ever Suicide Awareness Day event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hidalgo County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, showing care and concern to someone who may be vulnerable to suicide can make a difference. People who come in contact with youth, including educators, counselors, coaches, ministers, and healthcare providers can play a key role in helping a despondent young person by identifying the existence of a problem or contributing factors like drug abuse and family break-up. Government can assist through research and policies which strengthen the family unit, foster a sense of individual self-worth, identify causes of suicide and develop strategies to reduce its incidence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 10, 2015 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in Hidalgo County and encourages its citizens to reach out and help anyone at risk of suicide.

Dated this 25th day of August 2015.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct.3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk