

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2015  
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) established September 25th as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims as a result of unanimously passed resolutions by the U.S. Senate on October 16, 2007 and the U.S. House of Representatives on May 14, 2007

**WHEREAS**, POMC believes that honoring the memory of victims who have been killed by violence and acknowledging the resulting long-term trauma for families, communities, and the Nation is an important way of promoting public awareness and remembering our loved ones;

**WHEREAS**, POMC Chapters and other organizations such as the Rio Grande Valley-Families and Friends Of Murdered Children will be holding an event to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on Friday, September 25, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the murder of a loved one robs the victims family of a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband, wife, partner, grandparent, aunt, uncle, extended family member, friend, neighbor or colleague, and creates an overwhelming challenge to fill the void their absence creates; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of homicide victims use their tragedies to tell stories of pain and anger inflicted by a homicide. They have rejected paths of retaliation, shame and isolation and instead lean toward learning and teaching lessons of compassion and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of homicide victims transform their pain and anger into power and action; by honoring the memory of their loved ones impacted by homicide. Through leadership, grief support and advocacy, survivors are reducing violence and promoting prevention and policy change on a local, state and national level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 25, 2015 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County.**

**Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.**

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk