

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2015  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, every year, communities across the country face emergencies – from natural disasters to deliberate acts – that test our nation’s grit and challenge us to overcome tragedy. While Federal, State, County and City governments and emergency responders work together to keep all Americans safe, each of us must do our part; and

**WHEREAS**, every September, we celebrate our nation’s spirit of resilience by rededicating ourselves to the important task of being prepared in the face of any crisis. Together we can protect our families and help communities by planning for emergencies and for the unexpected; and

**WHEREAS**, emergencies come in many forms and can strike anywhere. We cannot control how, when or where an emergency will occur, but we can prepare practical responses before disasters strike; and

**WHEREAS**, by discussing with our families, friends, and neighbors how we will protect ourselves and our communities, we can contribute to and share in a stronger, more resilient society; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year’s National Preparedness Month is “*Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.*” On September 30, people from cities and towns in all corners of the nation will join with Federal, State, County, and local responders in America’s Preparathon to bolster their readiness in the event of a crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Hidalgo County Commissioners Court** does hereby proclaim September 2015 as **National Preparedness Month in Hidalgo County** and urges all residents to participate in America’s Preparathon on September 30, to prepare a plan and bolster their readiness for any disaster.

**Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.**

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk