

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2016 AS
CANNED FOOD MONTH IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. is celebrating its 30th year of operation, serving 45,000 people every week; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank asks that people celebrate Canned Food Month by hosting food drives or by making a charitable donation; and

WHEREAS, canned food is a staple for the Food Bank, providing some of the most accessible dietary options for its clients; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank distributed a record 35 million pounds of food to hungry families in Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron counties in 2015. The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley is the 5th largest in Texas and 36th largest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is affiliated with Feeding America and the Texas Food Bank Network and shares its mission with up to 250 charities, churches, and non-profit "Partner Agencies;" and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank partners with the County of Hidalgo as the Donations and Volunteer Coordinator in times of disasters and emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of February as Canned Food Month and encourages Hidalgo County departments, other local governments, businesses, churches, schools, and residents to support the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

Approved this 16th day of February 2016.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
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JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk