

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
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 Sunday, September 25; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, there were an estimated 15,000 homicides nationwide. In the Rio Grande Valley, there were forty-seven homicides last year; and

WHEREAS, the murder of a loved one robs the victim's 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, 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, 2016 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 20th day of September 2016.

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