

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2016
MANUFACTURING MONTH IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, for generations, manufacturing has played a critical role in Texas' diverse economy. Texas is home to approximately 17,600 manufacturing firms, 75 of which are located in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing in Texas constitutes 14.5 percent of the total output in the state, totaling approximately \$238 billion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers in Texas employ 7.0 percent of the workforce, an estimated 850,000 manufacturing employees, including 6,400 in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs enable Texas families to realize the dreams of owning a home, sending a child to college, and enjoying a secure retirement and manufacturers pay millions of dollars annually, supporting schools, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, National Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October and the month of October is annually celebrated as National Manufacturing Month; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to support the work of manufacturing companies by purchasing products manufactured in Hidalgo County and in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate Manufacturing Month, entities across Hidalgo County, including the South Texas Manufacturers Association, manufacturing companies, cities, economic development corporations, universities, school districts, and others in relevant fields, are partnering to host various events to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim October 2016 as Manufacturing Month in Hidalgo County and recognizes the valuable contributions that manufacturing companies and their employees provide to our communities.

Approved this 4th day of October 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

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk