

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK TO DEFEAT ALS**

WHEREAS, ALS known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; making even the simplest movements such as walking, speaking, and gesturing incredibly difficult; and

WHEREAS, approximately 23,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases reported each year; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity with approximately 15 new cases diagnosed in the United States every day; and

WHEREAS, finding the causes of, and cure for, ALS will help prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans their dignity and lives; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Texas Chapter is helping raise public awareness of this disease by hosting the Rio Grande Valley Walk to Defeat ALS on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Bannworth Park in Mission; and

WHEREAS, employees from the Auditor's Office have come together to form team "Keeping the Faith" in support of a colleague currently fighting the disease. They invite everyone to join their team and help bring much needed dollars for support and services to families in Hidalgo County dealing with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the Rio Grande Valley Walk to Defeat ALS and encourages all Hidalgo County residents to form or join a team in support this great cause.

Approved this 25th day of October 2016.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk