

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND
YOUNG HEARTS MATTER MONTH PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, all young people deserve to be treated with respect; and

WHEREAS, respectful, supportive and non-violent relationships are key to safety, health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, teen dating abuse is a significant health issue; with 10-20% of youth reporting physical or sexual violence from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, victimization increases teens' risk for injury, substance abuse, eating disorders, unwanted pregnancy, and suicide, and young people exposed to violence are at greater risk for becoming victims and perpetrators in adult relationships; and

WHEREAS, parents, teachers, coaches, healthcare providers, clergy, artists, musicians, and other important people in teens' lives have the power to influence youth in positive ways; and

WHEREAS, we urge citizens to join the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office and the Hidalgo County Family Violence Taskforce in promoting healthy teen relationships and call upon youth and adults to observe National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with activities and conversations about respectful and non-violent relationships in their homes, schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does proclaim February 2017 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Young Hearts Matter Month in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 6th day of February 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk