

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2017 CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2016, there were 58,640 victims of child abuse and neglect in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, in Hidalgo County there were 5,212 investigations and 1,361 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, there were five child fatalities attributed to child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

**Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.**

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk