

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ROSIE MARTINEZ
ON RECEIVING THE NOVA 2017 HONORED VICTIM ADVOCATE**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr. created a new Victims Unit, to assist crime victims in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Rosie Martinez, a longtime victims' advocate was hired as coordinator and later promoted to director when the scope and work of the office warranted hiring additional staff; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 victims have been assisted by the Unit since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the number of victims assisted is directly attributed to Ms. Martinez' work to secure grant funding in the amount of \$538,293 which pays the salaries of two attorneys, an assistant coordinator, three victim advocates and an administrative assistant – all dedicated to working for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez was recognized by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) as the 2017 Honored Victim Advocate in the category of Pioneers in Advocacy for her unwavering dedication to assisting and empowering victims and survivors of crime; and

WHEREAS, this award qualifies Ms. Martinez for consideration for the Margery Fry Victim Service Practitioner Award, which will be announced in August 2017; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary compassion, leadership and ingenuity in her work has helped countless victims and survivors begin to heal in the aftermath of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court congratulates Rosie Martinez on being named the NOVA 2017 Honored Victim Advocate and supports the work of Ms. Martinez and the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office Victims Unit.

Approved this 5th day of April, 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk