

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 ZIKA ACTION DAY IN HIDALGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, diseases transmitted by mosquitoes affect people across the United States and are significant health threats in Hidalgo County, where they affect hundreds of citizens each year; and

WHEREAS, based on past data collection on mosquitoes, combined with public health surveillance conducted by the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department, it is documented that Aedes mosquitoes are abundant in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Health Department is actively monitoring travel-associated cases of exotic mosquito borne illness cases such as ZIKA, Chikungunya, Dengue, West Nile; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department, in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and various other agencies in support of this awareness campaign, facilitate communication and education among Hidalgo County residents to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of mosquito control and prevention; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the efficient, environmentally safe, and cost-effective method to reduce the impact of disease; and

WHEREAS, mosquitos are a natural part of our environment and cannot be eradicated but can be controlled through the application of scientifically informed pest control strategies and personal protective measures during seasons of high mosquito activity; and

WHEREAS, diseases can be difficult to diagnose, often resembling other infections and noninfectious diseases; this proclamation creates the opportunity for Hidalgo County residents and health care providers to learn more about the threat, medical implications and prevention of these diseases; we would like to recognize our local physicians for their dedication and care of our local residents, as evident by over 8,500 ZIKA assessments completed year to date; and

WHEREAS, it is important for individuals and organizations to work with the Hidalgo County Health Department and local vector control organizations within cities to help decrease the effects of mosquito borne illnesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 23, 2017 as ZIKA Action Day in Hidalgo County and encourages all residents to practice mosquito safety and prevention.

Dated this 19th day of September 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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