

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month 2017 calls attention to the obstacles that hunger creates for people in need and recognizes the important role of the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley and other food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank RGV is celebrating its 31st year of operation in Hidalgo County, feeding as many as 42,000 valley residents on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank RGV shares its mission with up to 250 charities, churches and non-profits, addressing them as Partner Agencies; and

WHEREAS, in times of emergencies, the Food Bank RGV serves as the Donations and Volunteer Coordinator for Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, over one million pounds of relief items, food and fresh produce was delivered to stricken communities within the first two weeks of Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank RVG distributed 37 million pounds of food to hungry families in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties in the last fiscal year;

WHEREAS, canned food and fund drives help support the ongoing efforts to feed hungry families in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank RGV is home of the Pharrmers Market, providing healthy options for the community and educating families via its Community Garden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 2017 as Hunger Action Month and encourages residents to raise awareness of the issues caused by hunger and to consider donating canned goods, time, and money to the Food Bank RGV.

Dated this 26th day of September 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk