

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 6-10, 2017
AS FORENSIC NURSES WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office-Special Crimes Unit shares a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and other violent crimes and a desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal District Attorney's Office will join Forensic Nurses across the county to recognize their work and the important role they have in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Exam Center at DHR works in collaboration with the Criminal District Attorney's Office-Special Crimes Unit and other community members to help expand specialized forensic medical services to sexual assault victims and other victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Nurses are highly educated professionals that continue to meet the increasingly complex forensic and health care needs of individuals, families, and communities, worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is the voice for Forensic Nurses globally. It is recognized that violence is a health care problem and IAFN promotes forensic nursing practice strategies that prevent violence in an attempt to create a world without violence; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Nurses work to increase victim-centered care and mitigate violence through public health strategies; and

WHEREAS, promotion of Forensic Nurses through celebration of the successes of the profession will increase public awareness and utilization in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the week of November 6 to November 10, 2017 as Forensic Nurses Week.

Approved this 7th day of November 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk