

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2018
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans and provide essential services to create healthy, safe, and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Texas, Hidalgo County is the seventh most populous of 254 counties, serving a population of close to one million residents; and

WHEREAS, elected county officials include the County Judge, Commissioners; Tax Assessor-Collector, County Clerk, District Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Justices of the Peace; Constables; County and District Court Judges, and Criminal District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, counties are extensions of state government at the local level. The county provides public health, with a focus on indigent health care, disease prevention, immunization, and healthy lifestyles; public safety & justice, which includes law enforcement, a court system, the operation of jails and medical examiner services; elections; building and maintaining roads and bridges; keeping important records safe; provide human services such as veterans services, clinics, waste disposal sites, community service agency, head start, emergency management; and more; and

WHEREAS, much of the day to day work is done by the more than 3,000 dedicated Hidalgo County employees; and

WHEREAS, National County Government Month provides an opportunity to thank those dedicated employees and share information on programs and services provided with the residents of Hidalgo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April 2018 as National County Government Month.

Approved this 17th day of April, 2018.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk