

PROCLAMATION IN APPRECIATION OF JURY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship and the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, our courts depend of jurors. All citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury duty because service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service is fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the 22,800 Hidalgo County citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries; and

WHEREAS, the District Clerk, together with County and District Courts in the County of Hidalgo are committed to educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens; supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors, and continuing to improve the jury system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the week of April 30 through May 4, 2018 as Jury Appreciation Week and that the undersigned support the celebration of this week, which shall include various activities in pursuit of the goals.

Dated this 24th 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