

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 30, 2018 AS  
WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

**WHEREAS**, World Day Against Trafficking In Persons, provides an opportunity for Hidalgo County to renew its commitment in combating human trafficking in all its forms; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking tears at our social fabric, fuels violence and organized crime, and debases our common humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a global tragedy. Combating it requires international, national, state, and local action. There are an estimated 40.3 million victims of human trafficking worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office* is working with national, state, regional, and local stakeholders to fight against human trafficking and to provide assistance to the victims; and

**WHEREAS**, we must join together as a community to provide a safe haven by protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers. With improved victim identification, medical and social services, training for first responders, and increased public awareness, the men, women, and children who have suffered this scourge can overcome the bonds of modern slavery, receive protection and justice, and successfully reclaim their rightful independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Rio Grande Valley Anti Human Trafficking Taskforce* calls on every single person in our community to report human trafficking and join their prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims Monday, July 30 as World Day Against Trafficking In Persons in Hidalgo County.

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.**

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk