

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 28, 2018 AS
PURPLE HEART DAY IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the people of Hidalgo County, Texas have great admiration and the upmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, National Purple Heart Day is observed annually on August 7th to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Hidalgo County, Texas, who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, August 28, 2018 has officially been designated as the day in Hidalgo County, Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims Hidalgo County Texas is a Purple Heart County.

Approved this 28th day of August, 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