

## **PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Hunger Action Month calls attention to the obstacles that hunger creates for people in need and recognizes the important role of the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley and other food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunger Action Month provides fun and educational activities and education for the citizens of the County of Hidalgo and communities in the Mid-Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunger Action Month is hosted at the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. and works to educate families from the County of Hidalgo on self-sustainability by learning to grow their own food and providing a market place to sell fruits and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., the 4<sup>th</sup> largest food bank in the state of Texas feeding up to 64,000 individuals per week via 275 Partner Agencies, operating in the County of Hidalgo and contributes to the health, well-being and quality of life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of the County of Hidalgo are enhanced as a direct result of Hunger Action Month and the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Empty Bowls Luncheon will be held at the Pharr Events Center on September 18<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank RGV is home of the Pharrmers Market, providing healthy options for the community and educating families via its Community Garden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September as Hunger Action Month and encourages residents to raise awareness of the issues caused by hunger and to consider donating canned goods, time, and money to the Food Bank RGV.

**Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 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