

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2018  
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) established September 25th as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims as a result of unanimously passed resolutions by the U.S. Senate on October 16, 2007 and the U.S. House of Representatives on May 14, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, POMC believes that honoring the memory of victims who have been killed by violence and acknowledging the resulting long-term trauma for families, communities, and the nation is an important way of promoting public awareness and remembering our loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, there were an estimated 17,250 homicides nationwide, which equals to one murder every 33.5 minutes in the United States. That national figure includes 34 homicides in the Rio Grande Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the murder of a loved one robs the victim’s family of a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband, wife, partner, grandparent, aunt, uncle, extended family member, friend, neighbor or colleague, and creates an overwhelming challenge to fill the void their absence creates; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of homicide victims want their murdered children to be valued, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their deaths, and their surviving children to grow up in a safe environment, recognized for their human worth rather than as statistics waiting to happen. Through leadership, grief support and advocacy, survivors are reducing violence and promoting prevention and policy change on a local, state and national level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 25, 2018 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County.

**Approved this 18<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