

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of Hidalgo County are among the most patriotic in the nation, volunteering to serve in times of war and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 9.5 million veterans in the United States with more than 1.5 million veterans living in Texas; and 20,745 veterans live in Hidalgo County; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our flag and country. Others have made it home, only to find it difficult to resume their lives due to physical or spiritual injuries and trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, for many veterans, the transition to civilian life is a difficult one, especially for those who return home with symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress or other injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, 20 veterans per day lose their lives to suicide. Of those, 14 of them had no contact with the Veterans Administration whatsoever; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans and service members in crisis have access to specially trained responders to assist them, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Veterans Crisis Line includes a telephone number 1-800-273-8255, press 1; online chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat; or text-messaging service at 838255.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the Veterans Administration efforts to support service members and veterans in crisis via the Veterans Crisis Line and encourages all Hidalgo County residents to save the number and to share it with veterans and service members in crisis.

**Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 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