

**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 is hosted at the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, providing fun and educational activities for the citizens of Hidalgo County and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. works to educate families on self-sustainability by growing their food and providing a marketplace to sell fruits and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., is the 4th largest food bank in the State of Texas, feeding up to 64,000 individuals per week via 275 partner agencies. The Food Bank RGV operates in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy counties; 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 17th; 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 of the Rio Grande Valley.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.



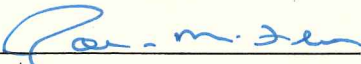
**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge



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



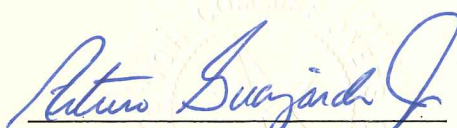
**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



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



**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



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