

## **EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, more than 3.4 million Americans have epilepsy, including 15,667 citizens of Hidalgo County; and

**WHEREAS**, epilepsy is a common neurological disorder affecting 1 in 26 people. A seizure is a disturbance in the electrical activity of the brain and one in three individuals with epilepsy will have uncontrolled seizures; and

**WHEREAS**, surveys show that half of adolescents think epilepsy is contagious or have no knowledge of the condition at all, leading to feelings of isolation among persons with epilepsy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo, Texas joins the Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas in encouraging people to focus attention this month on epilepsy, and becoming more understanding of those living with epilepsy, and in supporting epilepsy education, programs and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim November 2019 as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

**Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.**

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
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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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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