

*Resolution in support of organ, eye and tissue donation
during National Blue and Green Day*

- Whereas* established by the 79th Texas Legislature in 2005, the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry allows individuals to record legal consent for organ, eye and tissue donation after death; and
- Whereas* in Texas more than 10,000 men, women and children are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants and every 10 minutes another person is added to the national transplant waiting list; and
- Whereas* the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance in McAllen guides families of Hidalgo County on how to register as organ, eye and tissue donors through the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry; and
- Whereas* observed on April 16 each year, National Blue and Green Day honors those that have saved lives through the gift of donation and engages the public by sharing the Donate Life message by wearing blue and green to promote the importance of registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor; and
- Whereas* Legislation created partnerships with the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that allow individuals to join the donor registry when applying for or renewing their driver's license, ID or vehicle registration; and
- Whereas* the Donate Life Texas Donor Registry was named in honor of Rep. Glenda Dawson. Elected in 2002, Dawson served two terms as the Texas House Representative for the 29th District. A kidney transplant recipient, Dawson was a passionate advocate for organ donation; and
- Whereas* Donate Life Texas is the only, official organ and tissue donor registry of the State of Texas. As a result, thousands of lives have been saved thanks to registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Registering takes only moments but can be the gift of a lifetime for those in need of a transplant.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court encourages members of the community to support and observe National Green and Blue day on April 16 and extends a heartfelt thank you to the Texas Organ Alliance for their efforts in promoting the importance in the education of organ, eye and tissue donation in order to save lives.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk