

*Proclamation in recognition of National Agricultural Week*

- Whereas* Hidalgo County has a rich history that is steeped in the growth of agriculture, particularly in citrus, cotton, sugarcane and grain sorghum; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County is emerging as a national leader in the import of Mexican grown produce; and
- Whereas* National Agriculture Week is devoted to educating people about where food, fiber and fuel come from and is highlighted by National Ag Day, which this year falls on March 22; and
- Whereas* in recognizing the importance of agriculture in our society it should also be noted that agricultural efficiencies have become intricate to the food chain so that today's farmer grows twice as much food as his parents did, using less land, energy, water and fewer emissions; and
- Whereas* today's average farmer feeds 155 people compared to the average farmer feeding just 26 people in 1960; and
- Whereas* to keep up with population growth, more food will have to be produced in the next 50 years than the past 10,000 years combined; and
- Whereas* other environmental benefits arise from agriculture such as the fact that one acre of corn removes 8 tons of carbon dioxide from the air during the growing season

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the week of March 20 through 26 as National Agricultural Week and notes that March 22 is National Ag Day and recognizes the importance of agriculture in our society and the contributions made by the growers of Hidalgo County.

***Approved this 22nd day of March, 2022.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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