

Proclamation declaring April Counseling Awareness Month

Whereas the American Counseling Association (ACA) designates April of each year as Counseling Awareness Month, a time of advocacy for the profession and celebration of the outstanding efforts of counselors in multiple settings as they seek to facilitate the growth and development of all people; and

Whereas professional counseling contributes to the growth and development of people across the life span and assists them in achieving their full human, educational and career potential; and

Whereas citizens can utilize the services of professional counselors in schools, colleges, mental health agencies, community agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice and other delivery settings; and

Whereas this year's theme—The Future is Self-Care, Advocacy and Inclusion #BurnBrightNotOut—is focused on some of the avenues that will help ensure a brighter future for counselors, their clients and the counseling profession; and

Whereas as an outward symbol of advocacy and hope for counselors and the profession, ACA created Teal Day: an enthusiastic social initiative designed to build strong support, recognition and appreciation for professionals counselors that encourages awareness of the importance of counseling and self-care for counselors as they enlighten their clients, colleagues and the greater public of the same.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the month of April 2022 as Counseling Awareness Month and asks all citizens to learn more about the role of counseling in our lives and recognize the important contributions made by counseling

Approved this 5th day of April, 2022.

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
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