

*Proclamation Declaring October
Head Start Awareness Month*

Whereas established in 1965, Head Start is a national, federally funded early childhood development program that serves children and families and whose purpose is to help children achieve their full potential; and

Whereas Hidalgo County acquired the federal grant in 1981 to provide Head Start services to at-risk children and families in communities within Hidalgo County; and

Whereas Head Start provides comprehensive health, nutritional, educational, social services, family and community development and meaningful parental involvement; and

Whereas Head Start focuses on children’s language development, early literacy, social skills, and giving their parents the skills to become their child’s first and most important teacher; and

Whereas Head Start is committed to the development of each child and provides preventative and early intervention services to children and families regardless of their economic status; and

Whereas Head Start has memorandums of understanding with Donna ISD; Edcouch-Elsa ISD; Edinburg CISD; La Joya ISD; McAllen ISD; Mercedes ISD; Mission CISD; Monte Alto ISD, and Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD to jointly provide high-quality early childhood education to all eligible Pre-K children which will help children become school ready and succeed academically from college to career.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioner’s Court hereby recognize the month of October as “Head Start Awareness Month,” and declares that the needs of children and families in Hidalgo County must be a top priority for future decision makers by investing financial resources and providing exceptional learning environments for Head Start children and families.

Approved this 29th day of October 2024.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk