

*Proclamation Declaring February 1st as
National Read Aloud Day*

Whereas literacy is the fundamental building block of all learning and is essential to the growth and success of every child in our state; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Library System will promote World Read Aloud Day and schedule events in February 2025 as part of ongoing efforts to promote literacy; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Library System promotes the county's E-Library- an online collection of books, audiobooks, magazines and movies. The E-Library is a major initiative to promote literacy and demonstrate a commitment to providing literacy opportunities to residents of all ages and allowing them to download and read books anywhere they can access the Internet; and

Whereas reading to a child is a simple and priceless act that benefits both adult and child, positively contributing to family literacy and strengthening the bond between parent and child; and

Whereas "National Read Aloud Day" is a nationally recognized program that has been in existence for more than 15 years; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Library System and other organizations representing parents, teachers, and families all advocate for reading aloud to children because it fosters healthy interaction between adults and children; and

Whereas Reading aloud to children for 20 minutes each day will enhance family literacy and the well-being of young people throughout our county.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court does hereby hereby proclaim February 1st as World Read Aloud Day with observance throughout the month of February 2025.

Approved this 4th day of February 2025.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk