

*Proclamation Declaring November 20 as
National Rural Health Day*

Whereas National Rural Health Day was established in 2011 by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health to celebrate the resilience of rural communities and the dedication of the healthcare professionals who serve them; and

Whereas We acknowledge the strength and cultural richness of rural America, while also understanding the persistent health disparities that impact access to care, health outcomes, and quality of life to more than 60 million people in rural areas; and

Whereas Rural communities encounter unique challenges, such as provider shortages, transportation barriers, economic limitations, and higher rates of chronic illness, yet they continue to demonstrate remarkable perseverance and innovation in advancing health equity; and

Whereas We recognize that improving the health of rural communities requires collaboration among healthcare providers, community leaders, policymakers, and organizations committed to strengthening systems of care; and

Whereas National Rural Health Day provides an opportunity to spotlight these partnerships, elevate the voices of the underserved communities, and reaffirm our shared commitment to addressing inequities and building futures for all; and

Whereas Hidalgo County prides itself through its partnerships with organizations to ensure our citizens in rural areas have affordable healthcare access, helping tear down some of those barriers that prevent them from receiving proper care.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court joins the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health in recognizing November 20, 2025 as National Rural Health Day, honoring the resilience, innovation, and dedication of rural communities and healthcare professionals.

Approved this 10th day of November 2025.

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Attest: _____
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County Clerk