

*Proclamation Recognizing April 2026 as
National Donate Life Month*

Whereas The Month of April is designated each year as National Donate Life Month, a time to honor the selfless acts of organ, eye, and tissue donors and to raise awareness about the critical need for organ donation; and

Whereas We recognize the profound impact that organ donation has on individuals and families, offering hope and a second chance at life. One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of up to 75 others through eye and tissue donation. Registering as a donor does not affect the quality of medical care one receives; rather, it provides an opportunity to give countless others renewed hope while leaving an enduring legacy of compassion and dignity, bringing comfort and peace to loved ones in times of grief; and

Whereas The need for organs and tissues far outweighs their availability. According to Donate Life America, more than 100,000 Americans are currently on the national transplant waiting list, with an estimated 13-22 people dying each day while waiting for a lifesaving transplant; and

Whereas The Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, the Texas Donor Network, the San Antonio Eye Bank, and South Texas Blood & Tissue are partnering with South Texas Health Systems to educate the community about the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation and to encourage individuals to register as donors throughout April and beyond; and

Whereas National Donate Life Month is encouraging every individual to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, educate themselves about organ donation and the donation process, and talk to their families about their wishes regarding organ donation and support organ donation awareness efforts in our community; and

Whereas Everyone is a potential organ, eye, and tissue donor and can register their wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at www.doantelifetexas.org.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes April 2026 as National Donate Life Month and encourages all residents to consider the importance of organ and tissue donation and the impact it could have on families and individuals in need.

Approved this 14th day of April 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ

County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk