

*Proclamation Recognizing May 2026 as  
Community Action Month*

*Whereas* Strong communities are built through service, resilience, and a shared commitment to uplifting individuals and families, ensuring that every resident has the opportunity to achieve stability, dignity, and self-sufficiency; and

*Whereas* Community Action embodies this mission by addressing the root causes of poverty, empowering individuals through education, support services, and economic opportunity, fostering pathways toward long-term independence; and

*Whereas* The Hidalgo County Community Service Agency has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving lives through innovative, responsive, and impactful programs tailored to the unique needs of the community; and

*Whereas* In 2025, the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency assisted 8,583 households with the LIHEAP program; helped 65 individuals transition out of poverty with Access to Success; and guided over 100 individuals toward completing their high school diplomas through Operation Real 'em In; and

*Whereas* The agency responded to critical community needs by supporting over 3,000 individuals in times of crisis, including 200 families affected by the March floods, and 454 veterans through the Bravo Zulu program; and

*Whereas* Through its AmeriCorps programs – RSVP, SCP, and FGP – the agency mobilized 454 dedicated volunteers who contributed 165,984 service hours, representing a community investment valued at \$3,983,616; and

*Whereas* These collective efforts reflect a powerful return on investment, strengthening families, stabilizing households, and building a more resilient and prosperous Hidalgo County for generations to come.

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes May 2026 as Community Action Month and commends the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency for its outstanding service, measurable impact, and steadfast dedication to improving the quality of life for all residents.

***Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk