

*Proclamation Declaring September 21, 2026 as
National Opioid and Substance Use Awareness Day*

Whereas Drug overdoses continue to affect individuals, families, and communities across the nation, with synthetic opioids like fentanyl contributing significantly to overdose-related emergencies and deaths; and

Whereas Hidalgo County Health and Human Services monitors local overdose trends and works with healthcare providers, emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies, schools and community organizations to strengthen overdose prevention and response efforts; and

Whereas Naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, is a life-saving medication that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Hidalgo County Health and Human Services has installed and launched Narcan vending machines at locations across Hidalgo County, where residents can now obtain Narcan free of charge; and

Whereas National Opioid and Substance Use Awareness Day provides an opportunity to educate the community on the risks of drug use, reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorders, promote overdose prevention, and encourage individuals to seek treatment and recovery support.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes September 21, 2026 as National Opioid and Substance Use Awareness Day and encourages all residents to join in raising awareness by remembering those we’ve lost; supporting individuals and families affected by substance use; and promoting prevention, treatment and recovery for a healthier, safer Hidalgo County.

Approved this 15th day of September 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

EVERARDO “EVER” VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk