

*Proclamation Declaring September 2026 as
Valley Voter Awareness Month and
September 15, 2026 as National Voter Registration Day*

- Whereas* The right to vote is one of the most fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Elections determine leadership and influence public policies, programs, infrastructure investments, and essential services that directly affect the quality of life of Hidalgo County residents; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County is a diverse and growing community whose future depends upon ensuring that every eligible voter has access to accurate, timely, and nonpartisan information about voter registration and the election process; and
- Whereas* Voter education efforts are especially important for first-time voters, young adults, newly naturalized citizens, new residents, and individuals who may need assistance understanding the voting process and deadlines; and
- Whereas* In recent years the Hidalgo County Elections Department has made great strides in effectively increasing voter registration and voter turnout countywide, reaching record breaking numbers; and
- Whereas* Valley Voter Awareness Month and National Voter Registration Day provide an opportunity to encourage eligible citizens to register to vote, verify or update their registration information, become familiar with the election process; and
- Whereas* Effective voter engagement requires collaboration among local governments, schools, colleges and universities, libraries, nonprofit and grassroots organizations, civic and faith-based groups, businesses, and media outlets to educate residents on the importance of civic participation and to understand that every eligible voter has a role in shaping the future of our region.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares September 2026 as Valley Voter Awareness Month and September 15, 2026 as National Voter Registration Day and calls upon all eligible residents of Hidalgo County to register to vote, learn about upcoming elections, and make a plan to cast their ballot.

Approved this 15th day of September 2026.

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County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk