

*Proclamation Declaring October 6-12, 2026 as
National Physician Assistant Week*

- Whereas* Physician assistants (PAs) are nationally certified and state- licensed medical professionals who diagnose illnesses, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient’s principal healthcare provider; and
- Whereas* PAs are trusted providers and vital members of the healthcare team, enhancing access to high-quality care in primary care settings, hospitals, rural communities, and underserved areas; and
- Whereas* PAs provide critical care across a broad range of medical specialties, including addressing the growing demand for behavioral and mental health services offering compassionate, evidence-based care to individuals and families in need; and
- Whereas* PAs are committed to addressing health disparities, expanding access, and providing team-based, person-centered care across every medical specialty and setting; and
- Whereas* PAs have earned the respect of patients and colleagues alike for their clinical excellence, adaptability, and deep dedication to the communities they serve; and
- Whereas* More than 600 physician assistants practice throughout the Rio Grande Valley, providing essential medical care across a broad range of specialties and clinical settings and helping improve access to high-quality healthcare in our growing and diverse communities; and
- Whereas* The Rio Grande Valley is home to the UTRGV Physician Assistant Studies Program, which prepares future physician assistants to serve patients with clinical excellence, compassion, and a commitment to the health needs of our region.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes the week of October 6- 12, 2026 as National Physician Assistant Week and thanks all the Physician Assistants in our community for their commitment to providing exceptional, comprehensive care to the residents of Hidalgo County.

Approved this 29th day of September 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk