

*Proclamation Declaring October 2026 as
Manufacturing Month*

Whereas For generations, manufacturing has played a critical role in Texas’ diverse economy. Texas is home to over 24,000 manufacturing firms, 362 of which are located in Hidalgo County; and

Whereas Manufacturing in Texas constitutes over 12 percent of the total output in the state, totaling \$299.3 billion in exports of manufactured goods in 2025; and

Whereas Manufacturers in Texas employ seven percent of the workforce, an estimated 985,000 manufacturing employees, including 7,000 in Hidalgo County; and

Whereas Manufacturers pay millions of dollars annually, supporting schools, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services. Manufacturing jobs enable Texas families to realize the dream of owning a home, sending a child to college, and enjoying a secure retirement, with an average weekly wage in Hidalgo County of \$1041; and

Whereas National Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October and the month of October is annually celebrated as National Manufacturing Month. Residents are encouraged to support the work of manufacturing companies by purchasing products manufactured in Hidalgo County and across the United States of America; and

Whereas To celebrate Manufacturing Month, entities across Hidalgo County, including the South Texas Manufacturers Association; Workforce Solutions; manufacturing companies; cities in the Rio Grande Valley; economic development corporations; colleges; school districts; and others in relevant fields are partnering to host various events to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares October 2026 as Manufacturing Month in Hidalgo County and recognizes the valuable contributions that manufacturing companies and their employees provide to our communities.

Approved this 29th day of September 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk