

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 25, 2012 AS
"SOUTH TEXAS JUVENILE DIABETES ASSOCIATION DAY"

WHEREAS, diabetic children are a special group of individuals who face unique challenges every single day of their lives such as monitoring blood glucose levels by pricking their fingers, administering insulin by injections or insulin pump, calculating the carbohydrate levels in every bite of food they eat, and recognizing and treating a low blood sugar attack – all in an effort to prevent the debilitating complications associated with uncontrolled diabetes; and

WHEREAS, trend data shows that 1 of every 2 Hispanic babies born today will likely face a lifetime with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association (STJDA) was founded by parents of local diabetic children on October 25, 2011, to offer support and advocacy for diabetic children and their families in the Rio Grande Valley, the first local organization of its kind; and

WHEREAS, During its first year of service to our community, STJDA has initiated family-oriented support groups, organized family field trips and spearheaded a community/school education program that has taught local school nurses and non-medical school personnel how to supervise and empower a diabetic child to self-manage their diabetes while they are at school; and

WHEREAS, the South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association has demonstrated its strong commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Hidalgo County, by providing our community with educational forums and the tools needed to increase awareness of diabetes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby **PROCLAIM** October 25th as South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association Day in Hidalgo County; and encourages all County residents to support every effort of parents, health care providers, educators and community members to empower children with diabetes to successfully manage daily life with this chronic disease.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2012.

Ramon Garcia

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

JOEL QUINTANILLA
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Hector "Tito" Palacios

HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk

Joseph Palacios

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4