

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2013 AS
"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

WHEREAS, homes should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than just the occasional family dispute—almost three women are killed by their husbands or boyfriends in this state every week; and


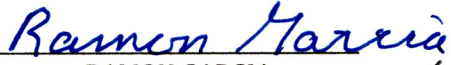

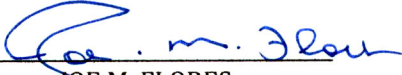
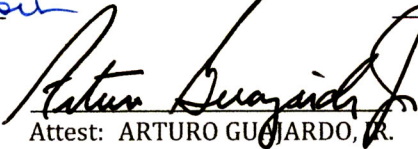
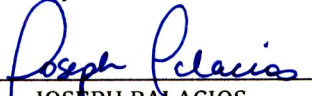
WHEREAS, women are not the only targets—children and the elderly are also counted among victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront the crisis. Law Enforcement Officials, those involved with the shelters and hotline services, healthcare providers, the clergy and other concerned citizens, are helping in the efforts to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo would like to commend the numerous volunteers and professionals and join the efforts to increase public understanding of this important problem.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 24th day of **September 2013**.

 A.C. CUELLAR, JR. County Commissioner, Pct. 1	 RAMON GARCIA County Judge	 HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS County Commissioner, Pct. 2
 JOE M. FLORES County Commissioner, Pct. 3	 Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. County Clerk	 JOSEPH PALACIOS County Commissioner, Pct. 4