

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2014 AS
"CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, In 2013, 66,938 of child abuse and neglect cases were confirmed in Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Hidalgo County Child Protective Services had 7,541 child abuse and neglect investigations; and

WHEREAS, of those cases investigated, a total of 3,098 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect; the result includes two child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

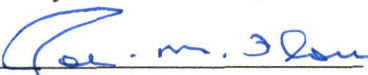
WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares April 2014 as *Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month* in Hidalgo County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2014.



A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



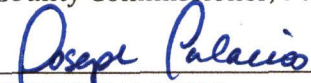
JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk