

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS "ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, as residents of Hidalgo County, we can demonstrate our commitment to one another in the most difficult of circumstances through organ, tissue, stem cell, and blood donation; and during Organ Donation Awareness Month, we honor donors who provide a second chance for a healthy life and encourage more to share this precious gift; and

WHEREAS, today approximately 121, 396 people, including 11,692 Texans, are on the national transplant waiting list, 45% of the approximation are Hispanics; and

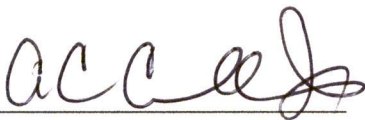
WHEREAS, the Texas approximation includes 9,528 who are waiting for a Kidney and 1,669 who are waiting for a Liver; and

WHEREAS, to help those get the care they need, millions of people choose to be organ and tissue donors, a decision that demonstrates profound generosity, and during Organ Donation Awareness Month the call for organ and tissue donation is renewed; and

WHEREAS, each organ or tissue donor can save many lives and Hidalgo County encourages residents to register and become organ donors; and talk to family and friends about the decision to donate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares April as Organ Donation Awareness Month and calls upon health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to join forces to boost the number of organ, tissue, blood and stem cell donors throughout the State of Texas and Hidalgo County.

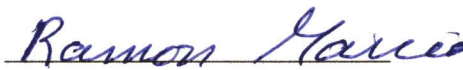
Dated this 15th day of April, 2014.



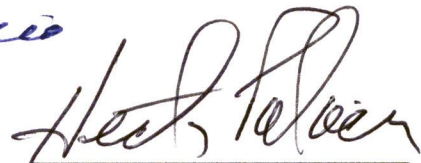
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



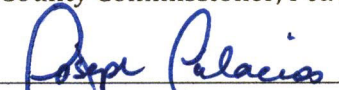
JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk