

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2014  
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) established September 25th as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims as a result of unanimously passed resolutions by the U.S. Senate on October 16, 2007 and the U.S. House of Representatives on May 14, 2007

**WHEREAS**, POMC believes that honoring the memory of victims who have been killed by violence and acknowledging the resulting long-term trauma for families, communities, and the Nation is an important way of promoting public awareness and remembering our loved ones;

**WHEREAS**, POMC Chapters and other organizations such as the Rio Grande Valley-Families and Friends Of Murdered Children will be holding an event to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on Thursday September 25, 2014; and

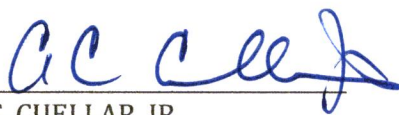
**WHEREAS**, the murder of a loved one robs the victims family of a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband, wife, partner, grandparent, aunt, uncle, extended family member, friend, neighbor or colleague, and creates an overwhelming challenge to fill the void their absence creates; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of homicide victims use their tragedies to tell stories of pain and anger inflicted by a homicide. They have rejected paths of retaliation, shame and isolation and instead lean toward learning and teaching lessons of compassion and peace; and

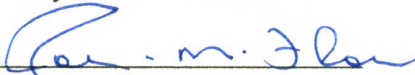
**WHEREAS**, survivors of homicide victims transform their pain and anger into power and action; by honoring the memory of their loved ones impacted by homicide. Through leadership, grief support and advocacy, survivors are reducing violence and promoting prevention and policy change on a local, state and national level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 25, 2014 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County.


**Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2014.**



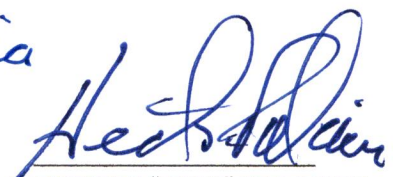
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



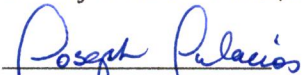
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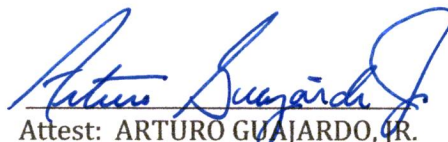
RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk