

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADVOCATING THERAPY AS WELL AS OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND THERAPY FOR TBI AND PTSD

WHEREAS, the “signature wounds” of Iraq and Afghanistan are Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are significant health issues for Texas Veterans returning from service; and

WHEREAS, the effects of these conditions are usually long lasting and often life threatening (frequently suicide) and currently there are no definitive medical treatments for TBI and the treatments provided today are just palliative drugs and/or counseling; and

WHEREAS, several, well documented, more curative therapies are available, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), that offer additional and alternative ways to restore affected Veterans lives and minds; and

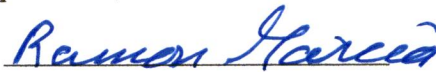
WHEREAS, numerous studies have demonstrated that the untreated, lingering effects of these injuries adversely impact the returned Veterans’ lives, resulting frequently in destroyed families, drug and alcohol use, unemployment, mental illness, incarceration, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, these results show up in society and communities as increased unemployment rates, public healthcare treatment cost, mental illness cost, drug and alcohol treatment cost; and

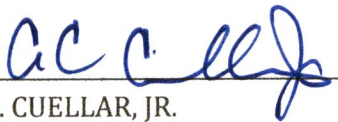
WHEREAS, neither the Veterans Administration, Military medicine, nor Medicare will reimburse Medical Practitioners for their efforts to help these Veterans’.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court urges our State and National Officials to provide appropriate funding and focus to provide results oriented, evidence based, proven treatments, including the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for returning Texas Veterans that suffer the residual, after effects of TBI and PTSD.

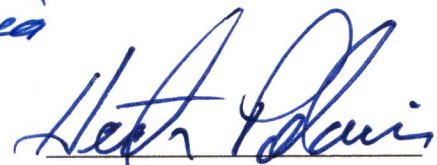
Approved this the 23rd day of September, 2014.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



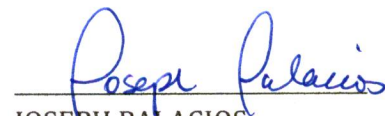
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1
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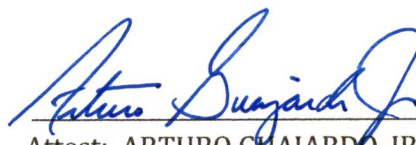
HECTOR “TITO” PALACIOS
County Commissioner,



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



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County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk