

**DECLARING APRIL 2015 AS
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, 66,572 victims of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in Fiscal year 2014; and

WHEREAS, in Hidalgo County Child Protective Services had 5,999 investigations of child abuse and neglect in Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, of those cases investigated for abuse and neglect, a total of 2,144 were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, 0 child fatalities was a result of child abuse and neglect; 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

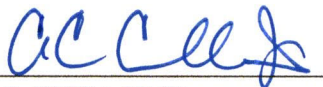
WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 to be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2015.



RAMON GARCIA
Hidalgo County Judge



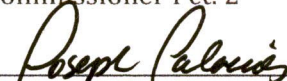
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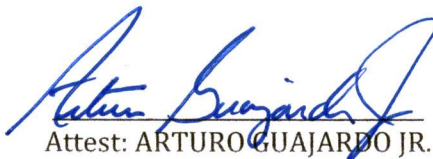
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County Clerk