

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2016 AS
NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women combined in the United States; and

WHEREAS every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection. Only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but survival drops to only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases. Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening; and

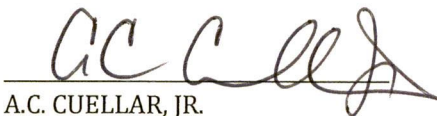
WHEREAS Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Healthcare System asks everyone to help support, encourage and participate in efforts to bring awareness by act or deed during the month of March; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of April as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and encourages Hidalgo County residents to attend scheduled awareness and education events.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2016.




RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Clerk