

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016
AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, last year, there were 66,572 victims of child abuse and neglect in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in Hidalgo County there were 2,144 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in 2015; and

WHEREAS, 8 child fatalities was a result of child abuse and neglect; 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

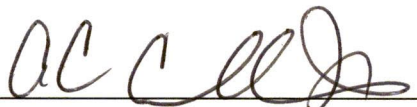
WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

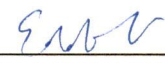
Approved this 5th day of April, 2016.



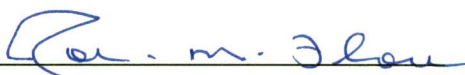
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



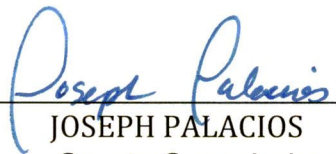
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County Clerk