

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016  
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; and

**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; and

**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 Sunday, September 25; and

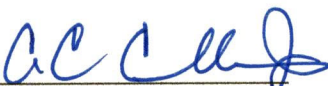
**WHEREAS**, in 2015, there were an estimated 15,000 homicides nationwide. In the Rio Grande Valley, there were forty-seven homicides last year; and

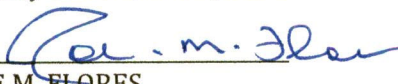
**WHEREAS**, the murder of a loved one robs the victim's family of a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband, wife, partner, grandparent, aunt, uncle, extended family member, friend, neighbor or colleague, and creates an overwhelming challenge to fill the void their absence creates; and


**WHEREAS**, through leadership, grief support and advocacy, survivors are reducing violence and promoting prevention and policy change on a local, state and national level.

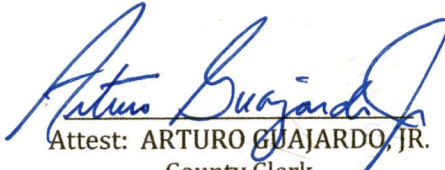
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 25, 2016 as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County.

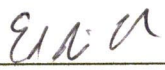
Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

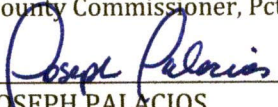
  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

  
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County Clerk

  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4