

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 6-10, 2017  
AS FORENSIC NURSES WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office-Special Crimes Unit shares a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and other violent crimes and a desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal District Attorney's Office will join Forensic Nurses across the county to recognize their work and the important role they have in the criminal justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Exam Center at DHR works in collaboration with the Criminal District Attorney's Office-Special Crimes Unit and other community members to help expand specialized forensic medical services to sexual assault victims and other victims of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Forensic Nurses are highly educated professionals that continue to meet the increasingly complex forensic and health care needs of individuals, families, and communities, worldwide; and

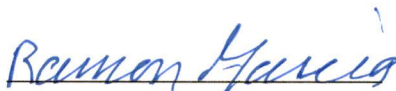
**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is the voice for Forensic Nurses globally. It is recognized that violence is a health care problem and IAFN promotes forensic nursing practice strategies that prevent violence in an attempt to create a world without violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Forensic Nurses work to increase victim-centered care and mitigate violence through public health strategies; and

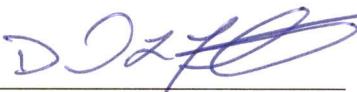
**WHEREAS**, promotion of Forensic Nurses through celebration of the successes of the profession will increase public awareness and utilization in our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the week of November 6 to November 10, 2017 as Forensic Nurses Week.

**Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.**



**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge



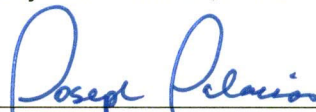
**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



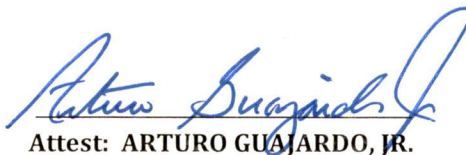
**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct.3



**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk