

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2018  
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans and provide essential services to create healthy, safe, and vibrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Texas, Hidalgo County is the seventh most populous of 254 counties, serving a population of close to one million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, elected county officials include the County Judge, Commissioners; Tax Assessor-Collector, County Clerk, District Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Justices of the Peace; Constables; County and District Court Judges, and Criminal District Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are extensions of state government at the local level. The county provides public health, with a focus on indigent health care, disease prevention, immunization, and healthy lifestyles; public safety & justice, which includes law enforcement, a court system, the operation of jails and medical examiner services; elections; building and maintaining roads and bridges; keeping important records safe; provide human services such as veterans services, clinics, waste disposal sites, community service agency, head start, emergency management; and more; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the day to day work is done by the more than 3,000 dedicated Hidalgo County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, National County Government Month provides an opportunity to thank those dedicated employees and share information on programs and services provided with the residents of Hidalgo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April 2018 as National County Government Month.

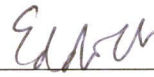
**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.**



**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge



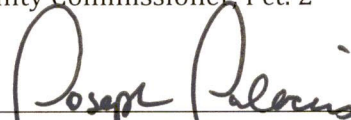
**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



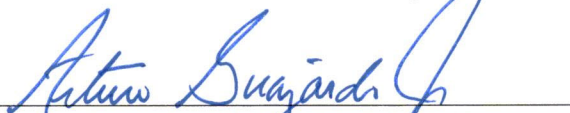
**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



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



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



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