

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 30, 2018 AS
WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

WHEREAS, World Day Against Trafficking In Persons, provides an opportunity for Hidalgo County to renew it's commitment in combating human trafficking in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking tears at our social fabric, fuels violence and organized crime, and debases our common humanity; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a global tragedy. Combating it requires international, national, state, and local action. There are an estimated 40.3 million victims of human trafficking worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the *Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office* is working with national, state, regional, and local stakeholders to fight against human trafficking and to provide assistance to the victims; and

WHEREAS, we must join together as a community to provide a safe haven by protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers. With improved victim identification, medical and social services, training for first responders, and increased public awareness, the men, women, and children who have suffered this scourge can overcome the bonds of modern slavery, receive protection and justice, and successfully reclaim their rightful independence; and

WHEREAS, the *Rio Grande Valley Anti Human Trafficking Taskforce* calls on every single person in our community to report human trafficking and join their prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims Monday, July 30 as World Day Against Trafficking In Persons in Hidalgo County.

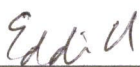
Approved this 17th day of July, 2018.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk