

# Hidalgo County

Proclamation declaring September 25

National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims

*Whereas* the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims is commemorated each year on September 25; and

*Whereas* the annual National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims gives us all the opportunity to remember those lost to homicide, and honor their memories. The purpose of this remembrance is to focus on the impact of murder on families, communities, and ways to support and serve survivors; and

*Whereas* honoring the memory of victims who have been killed by violence and acknowledging the resulting long-term trauma for families and communities in Texas and the nation is an essential way of promoting public awareness and remembering loved ones; and

*Whereas* support groups are encouraged for survivors of homicide and community members to gather, remember and share about their loved ones;

*Whereas* survivors of homicide victims need specific and targeted intervention in the aftermath of the homicide, which starts with the death notification and goes far beyond the burial and in some cases the jury trial leaving a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status.

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares September 25, 2021 as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in Hidalgo County. We honor the work of organizations that provide services including support, advocacy, counseling for families, individuals and communities coping with homicide-related deaths. And we remember the victims and their families.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2021.



*Richard F. Cortez*

RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

*David L. Fuentes*

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk