

Hidalgo County

Proclamation in recognition of National Agricultural Week

- Whereas* Hidalgo County has a rich agricultural history, rooted in the production of commodities such as citrus, produce, cotton, sugarcane and grain sorghum; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County continues to serve as a leader in international agriculture with investments in logistics, marketing and storage of products that are essential to the local, state and national food supply; and
- Whereas* National Agriculture Week is devoted to educating people about where food, fiber and fuel come from and is highlighted by National Ag Day, which this year falls on March 22; and
- Whereas* in recognizing the importance of agriculture in our society it should also be noted that agricultural efficiencies have become intricate to the food chain so that today's farmer grows twice as much food as his parents did, using less land, energy, water and fewer emissions; and
- Whereas* today's average farmer feeds 155 people compared to the average farmer feeding just 26 people in 1960; and
- Whereas* to keep up with population growth, more food will have to be produced in the next 50 years than the past 10,000 years combined; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County agriculture provides tremendous environmental benefits such as flood mitigation, erosion control, and carbon recapture during our extended growing season

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the week of March 20 through 26 as National Agricultural Week and notes that March 22 is National Ag Day and recognizes the importance of agriculture in our society and the contributions made by the growers of Hidalgo County.

Approved this 22nd day of March, 2022.



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