

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK TO DEFEAT ALS**

**WHEREAS**, ALS known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; making even the simplest movements such as walking, speaking, and gesturing incredibly difficult; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 23,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases reported each year; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity with approximately 15 new cases diagnosed in the United States every day; and

**WHEREAS**, finding the causes of, and cure for, ALS will help prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Texas Chapter is helping raise public awareness of this disease by hosting the Rio Grande Valley Walk to Defeat ALS on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Bannworth Park in Mission; and

**WHEREAS**, employees from the Auditor's Office have come together to form team "Keeping the Faith" in support of a colleague currently fighting the disease. They invite everyone to join their team and help bring much needed dollars for support and services to families in Hidalgo County dealing with ALS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the Rio Grande Valley Walk to Defeat ALS and encourages all Hidalgo County residents to form or join a team in support of this great cause.

**Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.**



A.C. CUELLAR, JR.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



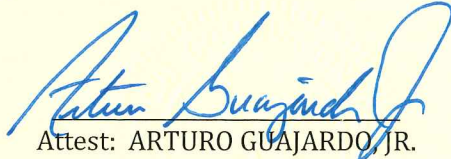
RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge



EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk