

PROCLAMATION
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) affects more than 3.4 million Texans and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with a diagnosis of IDD; and

WHEREAS, people with a diagnosis of IDD are vital and vibrant members of our communities and can be empowered to assume more active roles and increased participation by improving their generalized quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with more than 1,766 individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Rio Grande Valley receiving services from Tropical Texas Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health has served the residents of the Rio Grande Valley for 50 years with a vision to lead in the management of comprehensive behavioral healthcare resources, facilitate services for individuals with IDD and their families: and to empower them to live full and productive lives as part of their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court proclaims March 2017 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and encourages all residents to support efforts towards empowering people with IDD to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Approved this 21st day of March, 2017.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



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County Clerk