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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Hidalgo County Commissioners Court**

**Ramon Garcia**  
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**David L. Fuentes**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 1*

**Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 2*

**Joe M. Flores**  
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### **The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office, Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Unit at DHR and the Texas Council on Family Violence hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Purple Day" in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**EDINBURG** – The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office, in partnership with Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Unit at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and the Texas Council on Family Violence, will commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the fourth annual "Purple Day" news conference and informational fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance, located at 118 Paseo Del Prado in Edinburg.

"Domestic Violence has been seen as a silent issue or something that happens behind closed doors for too long," said DA Ricardo Rodriguez Jr. "We have the opportunity to use our collective voices and bring this crime out of the shadows. We can use our voices to educate others about the impact of domestic violence and encourage victims to seek safety and protections."

Domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. It requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems working together to end domestic violence.

The news conference will include comments by Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez Jr.; Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Senior Executive Vice President Marissa Castaneda; Texas Council on Family Violence Director Support to Service Providers Maria Jose Angelelli; Mujeres Unidas Legal Services Manager Cecilia Moya; UT-RGV Director of the Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention Dr. Cynthia M. Jones; and Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office Victims Unit Director Rosie Martinez.

The event is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to wear purple in support of Domestic Abuse Awareness.

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**NOTE TO NEWS MEDIA:** Please help us publicize the event to encourage attendance by anyone – male or female – who may be victims of domestic violence.

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