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NEWS ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Change of location for Young Hearts Matter: Dating abuse awareness and prevention event Saturday, Feb. 9

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez Jr. in collaboration with Lamar IB Academy will host the 4th Annual Young Hearts Matter Teen Dating Violence Prevention event at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Lamar Academy, 1009 N. 10th St. in McAllen.

The event will include a youth rally, cheer competition, community fair, and 2K Walk. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange and bring their own Teen Dating Violence Prevention posters. Check-in will be from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Featured speakers include the DA, McAllen ISD Superintendent J.A. Gonzalez, Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Commissioner Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu, 449th District Court Judge Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, Mission CISD Board Member Patty Ocaña Olivarez, McAllen City Commissioner District 2 Joaquin Zamora, Texas Council on Family Violence Youth Board Member Miguel Angel Martinez Jr., Young Hearts Matter Teen Ambassador Karina Garcia, and HCDA Victims Unit Director Rosie Martinez.

Various agencies, non-profit organizations, and law enforcement representatives will participate in the informational fair. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The event is free and open to the public.

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Please note that the address of the event was changed from McAllen Veteran's Memorial Stadium to Lamar Academy.

WHO: Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr. and Victims Unit.

WHAT: 4th Annual Young Hearts Matter Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Awareness Cheer Competition, 2K Walk and Rally. Participants are encouraged to bring Prevention posters and to wear orange.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

WHERE: Lamar Academy, 1009 N. 10th St. in McAllen

PHOTO: Revised event flyer.

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