

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2019  
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2018, there were 66,382 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Protective Services conducted 5,272 investigations of child abuse and neglect in Hidalgo County in Fiscal Year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, of those cases investigated for abuse and neglect, a total of 1,603 were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect, including six child fatalities; and

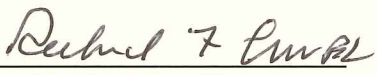
**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing and loving environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims April 2019 to be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

**Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.**

  
**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

  
**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk