

# Hidalgo County

*Proclamation declaring the month of September  
as Deaf Awareness Month*

*Whereas* the deaf population includes a wide range of individuals, from those who were born profoundly deaf and use American Sign Language (ASL) as a primary means of communication, to those with a degree of hearing loss who use hearing aids or other forms of amplifications and communication modes; and

*Whereas* the purpose of Deaf Awareness Month is to increase public awareness of the issues and the culture of people who are deaf; and

*Whereas* this is an opportunity to promote equal access to information and services for deaf individuals and to educate the public about the misconceptions of being deaf; and

*Whereas* it is also an opportunity to learn about the types of educational programs, support services, and resources available in Hidalgo County for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community like the ones that our local Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center (DHHC) provide; and

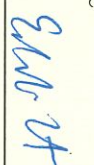
*Whereas* Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Commissioner Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu has partnered with self-advocate, Jose Rodrigo Uresti, to raise scholarship monies for individuals with disabilities in Hidalgo County so that tuition is not a barrier for those who wish to pursue higher education.


*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of September as Deaf Awareness Month and encourages community leaders and businesses to foster opportunities for persons with disabilities, so they are better able to participate in our community and workforce..


**Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.**

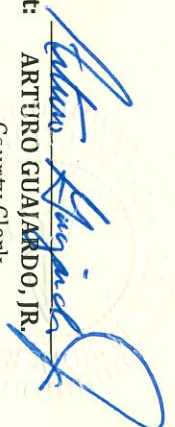
  
RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

  
DAVID L. FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
ELLIE TORRES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

