

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 66,897 victims of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in Fiscal year 2010; and

WHEREAS, In Hidalgo County Child Protective Services had 6,348 investigations of child abuse and neglect in Fiscal Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, Of those cases investigated for abuse and neglect, a total of 2,593 were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, 6 child fatalities were a result of child abuse and neglect; and

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

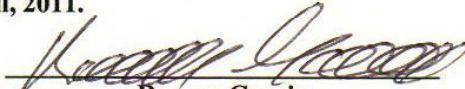
WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and


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 environment;


NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 to be *Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month* in Hidalgo County, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

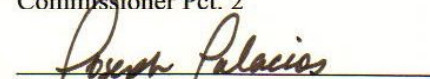
Dated this 5th day of April, 2011.

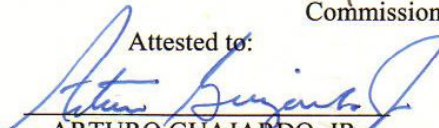

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