



# PROCLAMATION



**South Texas  
Promotora Association, Inc.**

**Whereas**, the 8th Annual Border Binational Health Week (BBHW) will be held the first week of October 2011 in conjunction with the Third Mexican National Health Week and the 11th Binational Health Week. These celebratory events are a partnership of the United States-México Border Health Commission, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the México Secretariat of Health, the Health Initiative of the Americas, the Pan American Health Organization, and the ten U.S.-México Border States; and

**Whereas**, obesity and diabetes have reached epidemic levels in our country beginning in childhood and Hidalgo County is no exception with rates of obesity among the highest in Hispanic communities in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the **SOUTH TEXAS PROMOTORA ASSOCIATION, INC (STPA)** joins the mission of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission (BHC) in the primary goals to promote sustainable partnerships to address border health problems with the intended outcomes to increase community and inter-agency networking relationship, increase information sharing and educational opportunities, and increase awareness of the Border Health Commission and other state and local initiatives; and

**Whereas**, during Border Binational Health Week, the **SOUTH TEXAS PROMOTORA ASSOCIATION, INC** continues to provide ongoing education to the residents of Hidalgo County hosting “Promotoras Get it Done” BBHW Kick-Off with Pap Smear exams to approximately 100 low, no income or uninsured women on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. STPA is networking with Venus Genes, Founder and CEO of El Dia de La Mujer Latina, Inc.; Venus is a cancer survivor who was recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama. The Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County will be the main guest speaker and supporter; and


**Whereas**, the **SOUTH TEXAS PROMOTORA ASSOCIATION, INC** will be hosting a “Promotoras Get it Done” Conference on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. More than 200 promotoras from the United States and Mexico will receive trainings (CEUs) on diabetes, obesity, cancer awareness, nutrition, exercise and the Affordable Health Care Act; and

Whereas, the **SOUTH TEXAS PROMOTORA ASSOCIATION, INC** continues to network with partners such as Jorge Bacellis, Texas Outreach Officer and Kathy Martinez of the Office of Border Health, Austin, Texas; Eddie Olivarez, Chief Administrator, Lydia Serna and Rosie Bryan of the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services; Commissioner Tito Palacios, Pct. 2 for housing STPA; and

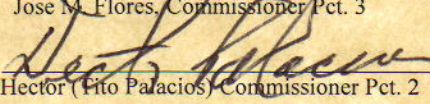
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ramon Garcia, of Hidalgo County and Commissioners’, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> 2011, as **BORDER BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK** in Hidalgo County/Texas and encourage businesses, government agencies, national organizations, community-based organizations, service groups and public in general to spread the prevention of obesity, diabetes and promote exercise, nutrition message throughout their communities of Hidalgo County.

  
Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia

  
Joel Quintanilla, Commissioner Pct. 1

  
Joseph Palacios, Commissioner Pct 4

  
Jose M. Flores, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
Hector (Tito) Palacios, Commissioner Pct. 2