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## HIDALGO COUNTY FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF SGT. RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ

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**Edinburg, Texas** – A request by Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia to fly the United States and Texas flags at half-staff in honor of U. S. Army Sgt. Rodolfo Rodriguez was granted Friday by Texas Governor Rick Perry. Sgt. Rodriguez, of Weslaco, died September 14, 2011 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

In an email sent on behalf of Governor Perry, the Governor's office expressed their sincere condolences at the loss of Sgt. Rodriguez, stating that as per Judge Garcia's request, "all state and national flags in the County of Hidalgo and any adjoining political subdivisions of Hidalgo and any adjoining political subdivisions may be lowered immediately to half-staff in honor of the life and military service" of Sgt. Rodriguez.

Judge Garcia immediately ordered all County buildings to lower flags to half-staff, and sent a letter informing all local political subdivisions in Hidalgo County of the approval. Judge Garcia encouraged that all flags at government, city and school buildings join Hidalgo County and lower flags in tribute to Sgt. Rodriguez. Flags will remain at half-staff through Monday.

The County expects to issue a similar request in honor of Sgt. Estevan Altamirano of Edcouch, once details regarding his services are confirmed. The County will also issue proclamations in honor of both soldiers at the meeting of Commissioners' Court next Tuesday.

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### Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

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*County Judge*

**Joel Quintanilla**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 1*

**Hector "Tito" Palacios**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 2*

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