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HIDALGO COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

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Edinburg, Texas – Every April, National County Government Month is celebrated to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. This year's theme is "Serving our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families," and this month, Hidalgo County joins counties across the nation celebrating the efforts of our veterans and military forces, and the sacrifices their families make, to preserve and protect our nation and our freedom.

Last week, Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court approved a proclamation naming April 2011 as "National County Government Month," and announced a series of activities taking place throughout the month of April, including LZ:RGV Operation Welcome Home, Student Leadership Day, District and County Clerk Open House, and the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

On Tuesday, elementary students from the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District will be on the grounds of the Hidalgo County courthouse to participate in Student Leadership Day as part of National County Government Month. The students will learn about County government services, hear from local elected officials, experience Commissioners' Court in action, visit a district court hearing, and tour the courthouse.

As a service project leading up to the Student Leadership Day, the students collected donations for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. The program transforms used cell phones into calling card minutes for use by active military overseas. The students will be contributing their donation to the Hidalgo County Courthouse collection site for the program, which will remain available for cell phone donations for the rest of the month.

Later that day, Hidalgo County District Clerk Laura Hinojosa and Hidalgo County Clerk Arturo Guajardo will open the doors of their offices to the public and provide tours, informational material, and refreshments at separate Open House events. All public and media are invited to attend.

HIDALGO COUNTY NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH DETAILS

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

- STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Courthouse Auditorium
- DISTRICT CLERK OPEN HOUSE
COUNTY CLERK OPEN HOUSE
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Courthouse

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