

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING NOVEMBER 2012 AS  
"NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH"

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care provide the highest quality of care to patients and families and bring comfort, love and respect for all those they serve in communities across the nation and here in Hidalgo County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice care and palliative care providers take the time to ask what's important to those they are caring for – and listen to what their patients and families say; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care professionals—including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy—providing comprehensive and compassionate care that make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care; and

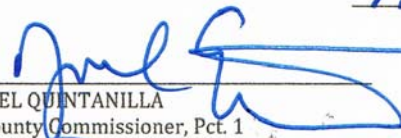
**WHEREAS**, every year more than 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and


**WHEREAS**, more than 468,000 trained volunteers contribute 22 million hours of service to hospice program annually; and

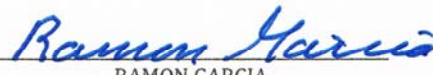
**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby **PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2012 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.**

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.


  
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Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk