

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2013 AS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the many voices of those who have been victims of sexual violence must be supported and heard; and

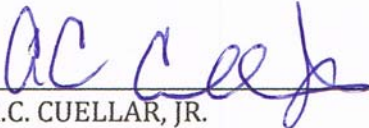
WHEREAS, statistics indicate that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college and one in 71 men will be assaulted at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in Hidalgo County, such as Mujeres Unidas, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and


WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing crimes against citizens living in Hidalgo County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court recognizes April 2013 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourage all residents to take appropriate actions and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

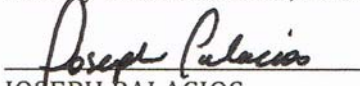
Dated this 9th day of April, 2013.



A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1


JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3


RAMON GARCIA
County Judge


HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2


JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.
County Clerk