

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2013 AS
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
"SMART JUSTICE: CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES"**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the county's judicial system, local law enforcement agencies and mental health agencies are providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County strives to reduce the cycle of crime in a cost-effective way through the creation of programs such the Alternative Incarceration Program, Drug Court, DWI Court, and Veterans Court Program, and the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program; and

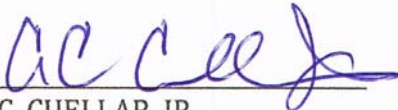
WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is commemorating the month by holding activities and events around the "Smart Justice, Safer Communities," theme, such as the Adult Probation & George Mason University presentation regarding Implementing Evidence Based Practices in Hidalgo County; Hidalgo County District Clerk's Office 5th Annual Open House; and a visit from the Leadership Mission class to the Courthouse, among other activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby proclaims April 2013 as National County Government Month "Smart Justice: Building Safer Communities," and encourages all residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2013.



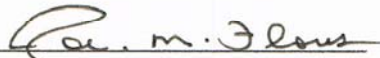
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



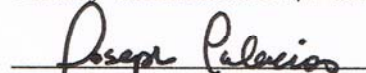
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



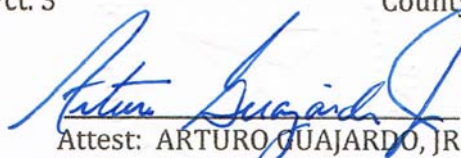
HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk