

**PROCLAMATION DELCARING NOVEMBER 2013 AS
"OFFICIAL HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH"**

WHEREAS, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially during times of community or personal health care crisis; and

WHEREAS, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as they possibly can; and

WHEREAS, home care in Texas and Hidalgo County is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to hundreds of thousands of Texans each year; and

WHEREAS, hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill patients and their families, including pain control and palliative medical care; as well as social, emotional and spiritual services; and

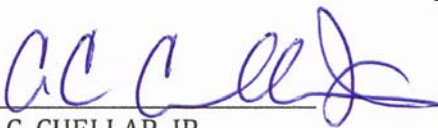
WHEREAS, hospice fulfills basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stages of life; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase public discussion about advances in pain control and the care options available to individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds who are at the end of life; and

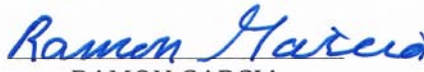
WHEREAS the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice, and home care and hospice providers in Texas have declared November 2013 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" with the theme of "Home Care & Hospice...Keeping Texans Independent" and are calling on all Texans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby declares the month of November 2013 as "Official Home Health Care and Hospice Month" and encourages the support and participation of all Hidalgo County residents in learning more about the home care and hospice philosophy of care for the elderly, disabled and the terminally ill.

Approved this 12th day of November, 2013.



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



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
Hidalgo County Clerk