

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2014 AS "RED CROSS MONTH"

WHEREAS, in 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the first American Red Cross fundraising efforts to respond to needs brought on by World War II. Since that time, every President, including President Obama, has designated March as "Red Cross Month;" and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was created in 1881 by Clara Barton and officially chartered by Congress in 1900 to provide national and international relief to the military and served as a means of communication between members of the Armed Forces and their families. From the beginning, people in this country have volunteered and donated funds to support the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross South Texas Chapter, established in the Rio Grande Valley 95 years ago in 1917, impacts and enhances tons of thousands of Valley residents every year. The Board of Directors, a paid staff of six and over 800 dedicated and trained volunteers provide disaster relief, armed forces services, education programs, health and safety, plus community programming to citizens in Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr Counties; and

WHEREAS, services and programs are made possible by the unique partnership between those who give their time, our esteemed volunteers, and those that give a financial gift, our treasured donors. The South Texas Chapter will continue the proud tradition in its mission to supply relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, "Red Cross Month" is a time to remind everyone of the work of the American Red Cross communities across the country and around the globe, and how we depend on the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court proclaims that the month of March 2014 as "Red Cross Month" and encourages the residents of Hidalgo County and South Texas to support this worthy organization.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2014.



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



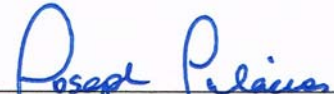
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk

