

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2014 AS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, homes should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is more than just the occasional family dispute; almost three women are killed by their husbands or boyfriends in Texas every week; and

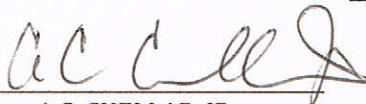
**WHEREAS**, women are not the only targets; children and the elderly can also be victims of domestic violence and, sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront the crisis. Law Enforcement officials; those involved with shelters and hotline services; healthcare providers; clergy; and other concerned citizens are helping in the efforts to end domestic violence; and


**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo commends the numerous volunteers and professionals and joins in efforts to increase public understanding of this important problem.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Hidalgo County.

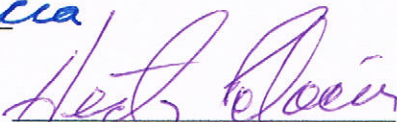
Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.



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County Commissioner, Pct. 1



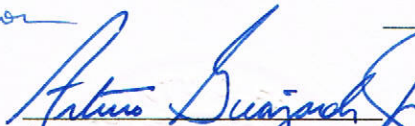
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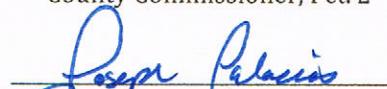
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