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DISTRICT CLERK OFFICE PROMOTES TRANSPARENCY HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Edinburg, Texas – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office hosted its 6th Annual Open House today in observance of *National County Government Month* (NCGM). NCGM is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

“We started hosting an open house six years ago when we were trying to create new ways of promoting transparency,” said Laura Hinojosa. “It just so happened the date we selected coincided with National County Government Month, which aims to foster open government. We’ve been doing it ever since.”

Initiated by the National Association of Counties (NACo), the annual effort encourages counties to participate by hosting a variety of community outreach events and activities. The open house consisted of a meet-and-greet, tours and light refreshments. The office also showcased Historical 19th Century Criminal Minute Books that have been preserved and restored, thus lengthening the record’s lifespan and allowing for handling and renewed public access.

“We appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate the progress we’ve made at the district clerk office, in addition to promoting our public services. We look forward to continuing to foster open government, providing exemplary public service, and fulfilling our role as good stewards of public resources,” said Hinojosa.

For more information regarding NCGM logon to www.naco.org. To learn more about the district clerk office and its role in county government, please visit www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/districtclerk.

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