

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, ESTRELLA'S HOUSE**

WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Center, Estrella's House was established in the year 2000 in tribute to Estrella Rojas, a victim of child abuse whose life ended tragically in Edinburg, Texas. Her memory is kept alive by helping and treating any child who is a victim of abuse; and

WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Center, a non-profit organization, is one of 800 Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide, one of 68 certified Children's Advocacy Centers in Texas and is the first a child-focused facility & community-based program of its kind in Hidalgo County servicing child abuse victims age 2 - 17 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Children's Advocacy Center, is to reduce the emotional trauma to child abuse victims by facilitating a multidisciplinary team approach, which supports the prevention of child abuse through community education and promotes the effective prosecution of those who perpetrate crimes against children; and

WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Center, provides a safe haven with a child-friendly, non-institutional environment where young victims are not afraid to tell their story. Re-victimization of child victims is minimized by using a multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations; and


WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County has, in past years been a major benefactor of the Children's Advocacy Center, Estrella's House by providing funds as allowed by Local Government Code Section 381.004, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County is mindful of the critical economic hardships and alarming reductions in Federal and State funding to all kinds of important social service providers such as the Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Advocacy Center, Estrella's House is having an event, Vinos! at La Antigua Revilla on February 22, 2014 from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court supports this event to raise funds for the Children's Advocacy Center, Estrella's House in their mission to break the cycle of abuse, one child at a time.

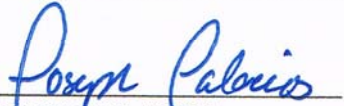
Dated this 28th day of January, 2014.



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