

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 5, 2016 AS
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the year was 1775 and the early foundations of our great nation were being created and established, it was a day and time of great expectation. An unprecedented period in world history, these early years were ones in which the founding fathers knew well the formidable task that faced them; and

WHEREAS, it came to pass that the Continental Congress asked the colonies to join in prayer as they moved toward forming the greatest democracy the world has ever known; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln called for a day of "humility, fasting and prayer" embracing our heritage and building on our early foundation, we are asked again this year to join in prayer as a state and nation for the 65th Annual National Day of Prayer, with this year's theme being "Wake Up America;" and

WHEREAS, throughout our history Americans have turned to prayer and reflection, during time of strength and times of difficulty, in moments of joy and moments of despair; seeking comfort, giving thanks, asking for God's guidance and abiding grace; and

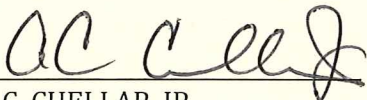
WHEREAS, this year's theme came from Isaiah 58:1a "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet." As our nation comes together, let us all pray for unity of hearts and righteousness for this great state, this great nation and all mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims May 5, 2016 as the National Day of Prayer in the County of Hidalgo.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2016.



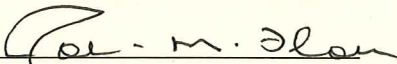
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



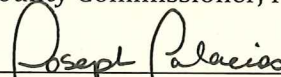
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County Commissioner, Pct. 1



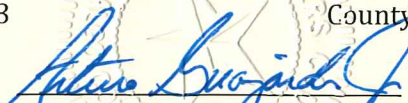
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



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County Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk