

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2015
NATIONAL PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, each year, pediatric cancer interrupts the childhood and limits the potential of thousands of young Americans. It is estimated that almost 16,000 of our daughters and sons under the age of 20 will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and it remains the leading cause of disease-related death for children; and

WHEREAS, during National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, our nation comes together to remember all those whose lives were cut short by pediatric cancer, to recognize the loved ones who know too well the pain it causes, and to support every child and every family battling cancer each day; and

WHEREAS, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance is dedicated to combating this devastation and joins with the researchers, health care providers, and advocates as we work toward a tomorrow where all children are able to pursue their full measure of happiness without the burden of cancer; and

WHEREAS, critical research has led to real progress in the fight against pediatric cancer. Improvements in treatment and increased participation in clinical trials have helped decrease mortality rates for many types of childhood cancer by more than 50 percent over the past 30 years. The gains remind us of the importance of supporting scientific advances, and give us hope for a future free from cancer in all its forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 2015 as National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

Approved this 15th day of September 2015.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk