

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2015 AS
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hidalgo County value the benefits of good health as a key component of a long, productive and fulfilling life and proudly support observances that focus public attention on crucial health issues, such as breast cancer awareness; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer and second most common cause of cancer-related death among Texas women. It is expected that as many as 15,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year; and

WHEREAS, while there are factors known to increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer, nearly 80 percent of women diagnosed do not exhibit any of the determinant factors. Additionally, it is important to realize that breast cancer does not only affect women. According to the American Cancer Society, about one in 1,000 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, prevention and early detection are the keys to survival. While there are factors known to increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer, nearly 80 percent of women diagnosed do not exhibit any of the determinant factors. Early detection of signs and symptoms of breast cancer can increase the survival rate by nearly 95 percent; and

WHEREAS, during this month-long observance, all Hidalgo County residents are encouraged to join in related activities and initiatives that help raise support and awareness of this serious health concern which has claimed too many lives over the years; moreover, people everywhere are called upon to raise their awareness of breast cancer and contribute to the global fight against this devastating disease;.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of October 2015 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hidalgo County.

Approved this 6th day of October 2015.

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
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