

# **PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS 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. This month—in honor of these young patients, their loved ones, and all those who support them – Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Health Care System rededicates itself to combating this devastation; 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. These gains remind us of the importance of supporting scientific advances, and give us hope for a future free from cancer in all its forms; 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. The Advance Care Center joins with their loved ones and the researchers, health care providers, and advocates who support them as they work toward a tomorrow where all children are able to pursue their full measure of happiness without the burden of cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby designates September 2017 as National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and encourages all Hidalgo County residents to join in national observances and in reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

**Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.**

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk