

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 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**, 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 in participation with Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Health System and the Advanced Care Center, are encouraged to join in related activities and initiatives that help raise support and awareness of this serious health concern.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of October 2017 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hidalgo County and encourages residents to join in the global fight against this devastating disease.

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.**

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
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County Commissioner, Pct.3

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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