

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

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Hidalgo County value the benefits of good health as a vital 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 the second most common cause of cancer-related death among Texas women. Breast cancer does not only affect women, about one in 1,000 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in his lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, while there are factors known to increase the 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**, a mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, as we honor those whose lives were tragically cut short by breast cancer, let us arm ourselves with the best knowledge, tools, and resources available to fight this devastating disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hidalgo County and encourages residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness and commitment to the promise of finding a cure.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.



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County Judge




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County Clerk