

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2019 AS
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Hidalgo County children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office and the students of Lamar Academy IB encourages the citizens of Hidalgo County to observe National Bullying Prevention Month with activities and conversations about respectful and non-violent relationships in their homes, schools, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of October as Bullying Prevention Month and encourages Hidalgo County residents to attend scheduled awareness and education events.

Approved this 22nd day of October, 2019.

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