

*Proclamation declaring October 2020 as
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Whereas October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease, and

Whereas National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. Early detection consists of doing monthly breast self-exams, scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms; and

Whereas breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. In the Calendar year 2020, it is estimated approximately 30% of all new female cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer; and

Whereas the awareness campaign is sending out several key messages, most notably, the American Cancer Society continues to recommend women get an annual mammogram screening once they reach the age of 40 as early detection is key for treatment and increases the chances of survival; and

Whereas when breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%; and

Whereas there are many associations, organizations and society's that have researchers with a unified goal to find a cure for breast cancer, may their progressed research continue to be funded and continue making greater strides in treating this devastating disease.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the County Commissioners' Court of the County of Hidalgo, Texas, does hereby recognize all of the above and declare **October, 2020** as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and urge all women and their families to increase their knowledge about breast cancer and celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

Approved this 29th day of September 2020.

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County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk