

*Proclamation declaring October 2021 as
Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

Whereas the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control. Domestic violence extends to the abuse of children and the elderly; and

Whereas the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

Whereas the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in Hidalgo County, throughout the United States and the world; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office Victims Unit and Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force, in collaboration with other local groups and agencies, are working to educate the public about the resources available for victims of domestic violence; and

Whereas survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home. Domestic violence can no longer be treated as a silent epidemic.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of October 2021 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all citizens to actively participate in scheduled activities and programs to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Approved this 5th day of October 2021.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk