

*Proclamation declaring October  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

- Whereas* in 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will have been diagnosed in women living in the United States; and
- Whereas* 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime and on average, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; and
- Whereas* according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., an estimated 43,600 women will pass away from breast cancer in the United States; and
- Whereas* breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, except for skin cancers, and is estimated that within this year, approximately 30% of all new female cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer; and
- Whereas* there are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States; and
- Whereas* although rare, in 2021, an estimated 2,650 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States and approximately 530 will pass away; and
- Whereas* increasing the community's knowledge about the importance of early detection of a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment can save lives; and
- Whereas* during the Breast Cancer Awareness Month it is encouraged to attend events, display pink ribbons, or wear pink clothing to raise awareness, recognize breast cancer survivors, those currently battling the disease, friends and families of a diagnosed patient and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers working to find a cure.

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We thank all medical professionals and researchers that care for diagnosed patients and for their dedicated hours educating within communities about breast cancer screenings.

**Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day October 2021.**

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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