

*Proclamation declaring October 2021 as
World Bullying Prevention Month*

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

Whereas bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the use of 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 yearly; and

Whereas targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems. 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 the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office 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 proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the month of October as World Bullying Prevention Month and encourages Hidalgo County residents to attend scheduled awareness and education events.

Approved this 19th day of October 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk