

*Proclamation declaring October 2022
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

- Whereas* October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer; 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. It is estimated that in 2022, approximately 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new women cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer; and
- Whereas* the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2022, 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States as well as 51,400 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer, and although rare, 2,710 men will be diagnosed with this disease. It is estimated that in 2022, 43,250 women and 530 men will lose their battle as a result of this disease; and
- Whereas* the awareness campaign is sending out several key messages, most notably, the American Cancer Society continues to recommend women to 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* this October, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers working nonstop to find a cure for this disease.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize all the above and declares October 2022 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
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