

*Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Whereas October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign aimed at raising awareness about the significant impact of breast cancer, which is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States and remains the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American women; and

Whereas the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2024, there will be approximately 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in women in the United States, along with an estimated 56,500 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. Tragically, around 42,250 women are expected to lose their lives to this disease; and

Whereas a mammogram—an “x-ray of the breast”—is recognized as the most effective method for detecting breast changes long before physical symptoms appear. Early detection and advancements in treatment have significantly reduced breast cancer mortality rates; and

Whereas researchers, scientists, and numerous nonprofit organizations are committed to finding a cure for breast cancer, and we acknowledge the extraordinary dedication and effort of healthcare professionals in this vital mission; and

Whereas we celebrate the over four million American women who are breast cancer survivors, who inspire hope for a brighter future in the ongoing fight against this disease; and

Whereas we extend our deepest respect to those who continue to cope with breast cancer, as well as to survivors and advocates who are working tirelessly for prevention and a cure.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and encourages all women and their families to increase their knowledge about breast cancer; celebrate achievements; honor those who have lost their battles; and prioritize their health by scheduling regular mammograms.

Approved this 1st day of October 2024.

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County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk