

*Proclamation Recognizing February 4, 2025 as
World Cancer Day*

Whereas Cancer is a large group of diseases that can start in almost any organ or tissue of the body when abnormal cells grow uncontrollably and go beyond their usual boundaries to invade adjoining parts of the body and/or spread to other organs; and

Whereas Cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, representing nearly one in six deaths globally; and

Whereas World Cancer Day is an international awareness day held every year on February 4th to raise awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, early detection and treatment. World Cancer Day is spearheaded by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the largest and oldest international cancer membership organization dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer; and

Whereas This year's theme, "United by Unique," explores different dimensions of people-centered cancer care and new ways of making a difference. Cancer is more than just a medical diagnosis—it's a deeply personal matter. Behind every diagnosis lies a unique human story - stories of grief, pain, healing, resilience, love and more; and

Whereas The "United by Unique" campaign will begin its journey by inviting individuals from all walks of life to share their personal cancer stories. Much like people-centered care aims to see the individual behind the disease, the campaign intends to showcase real stories with unique perspectives; and

Whereas local Oncology professionals continue to strive to provide information and awareness for early diagnosis, screening and treatment plans.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court hereby recognizes February 4, 2025 as World Cancer Day and encourages the citizens of Hidalgo County to improve its awareness of cancer, seek early detection and support those affected by this dreaded disease.

Approved this 4th day of February 2025.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk