

# *Proclamation Recognizing Hurricane Preparedness*

*Whereas* each June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of hurricane season, which runs through November 30, 2025; and

*Whereas* the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration urges Americans that the best way to prepare for hurricane season is to do so before the season begins and, therefore, recognizes the first week of May as Hurricane Preparedness Week; and

*Whereas* one of the premier hurricane season forecasters is Colorado State University, which this year made an initial forecast of above-normal hurricane activity, including the possibility of 17 named storms; nine hurricanes; and four major hurricanes this season; and

*Whereas* experts remind residents, particularly those living on or near a coastline, that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active hurricane season; and

*Whereas* among the advice offered by the NOAA in preparing for hurricane season is to know your wind and water risk relative to your location; prepare before hurricane season ahead of time; understand forecast information; get moving and know where to move when a storm threatens; stay protected during storms; use caution after storms; and act today; and

*Whereas* in addition, the Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management suggests that residents create an emergency plan that includes compiling contact information and lists of medicines; creating a family disaster kit that includes nonperishable foods and water as well as battery operated radios, flashlights, and plenty of batteries; and

*Whereas* a downloadable emergency preparedness guide is available online at [hidalgocounty.us](http://hidalgocounty.us). In addition, in conjunction with the Hidalgo County Department of Health and Human Services, a series of informational videos with preparation tips will be posted on social media platforms.

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the week of May 25-30 as Hurricane Awareness Week and encourages residents to learn about preparedness ahead of any storm and act now in preparing for any weather emergency.

***Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.***

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County Judge

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