

*Proclamation Declaring September 2025 as  
National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

*Whereas* Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, resulting in the death of approximately 1,800 children a year; and

*Whereas* One in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is an estimated 15,000 new cases each year. Two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

*Whereas* In the last 30 years, only seven new drugs have been approved by the FDA to treat childhood cancer. The National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out. Researchers and health care professionals work diligently, dedicating their time and expertise to treat children with cancer; and

*Whereas* Our community has the opportunity to join together to make a significant impact on the lives of the children and families who have been touched by childhood cancer by joining to raise awareness for childhood cancer and encourage funding to find a cure; and

*Whereas* During National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, our community, state and nation must come together to remember all those whose lives were cut short by pediatric cancer, to recognize the loved ones who know too well the pain it causes, and to support every child and family battling childhood cancer each day.

*Now, therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 2025 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes the brave young children for their resilient spirit and immeasurable courage.

***Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk