

*Proclamation Declaring June 2026 as
Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month*

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to deteriorating mental and physical impairments; and

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and the sixth cause among individuals aged 65 and older. Nearly 7 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's, including 459,300 in Texas; and

Whereas According to the Alzheimer's Association's *Facts and Figures* report, health and long-term care costs for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to reach \$409 billion. In the U.S., nearly 12 million caregivers provide an estimated 19 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$446 billion. In Texas, over 1 million family members and friends care for people those battling this illness, providing 1.9 billion hours of unpaid care, with the annual value totaling \$35.6 billion; and

Whereas Hidalgo County Health and Human Services commends the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight this illness, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with Alzheimer's disease.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the month of June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, and urges the community to support programs to help all those affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias. We recognize families, friends, and caregivers impacted by this disease and the researchers who are seeking to cure it.

Approved this 23rd day of June 2026.

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County Judge

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Attest: _____
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County Clerk