

*Proclamation Declaring September 2026 as
National Alopecia Areata Awareness Month*

Whereas Alopecia Areata is a common autoimmune skin disease, causing hair loss on the scalp, face, and sometimes on other areas of the body. The body's immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles, leading to the loss of hair; and

Whereas Alopecia Areata affects approximately two percent of the population overall, including more than nearly seven million people in the United States. People of all ages, genders, and ethnic groups can develop this condition; and

Whereas Alopecia Areata often first appears during childhood and its symptoms can be different for everyone who suffers from the disease. The severity of the disease ranges from small patches of hair loss to near complete hair loss; and

Whereas Currently, there is no cure for Alopecia Areata. There are a variety of treatment options available for disrupting or distracting the immune attack on, and the stimulating of, the hair follicle, especially for those who have milder forms of the disease, including medication, surgery and laser therapy; and

Whereas It is in the public interest to educate our community and bring awareness about Alopecia Areata. This will enhance understanding and support for those who suffer from it, while encouraging more research and funding to find a cure.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims September 2026 as National Alopecia Areata Awareness Month to create awareness and support the initiatives of medical and scientific research to find advanced treatments with the ultimate goal of finding a cure.

Approved this 1st day of September 2026.

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Attest: _____
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County Clerk