

*Proclamation Declaring September 2026 as
National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

Whereas Hidalgo County believes all children deserve a healthy childhood and an opportunity to live a full life; and

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 In the United States, 1 in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday, which is an estimated 16,000 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 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 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month recognizes the courage and compassion of those children and their families throughout our community who have battled or are currently battling cancer, as well as the generosity of the many organizations that provide support; 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 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 2026 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes the brave young children for their resilient spirit and immeasurable courage.

Approved this 1st day of September 2026.

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County Judge

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Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk