Proclamation Declaring November as Children's Grief Awareness Month and November 19 as Children's Grief Awareness Day

Whereas Every day, children and families throughout our community navigate the heartbreaking experience of losing someone they love, yet childhood grief often goes unrecognized; and

Whereas Children who experience the loss of a loved one face challenges that can affect their hearts, minds, and overall well-being; and

Whereas Many grieving children face these difficult experiences quietly, often without the support or understanding they need; and

Whereas The Children's Bereavement Center - Rio Grande Valley provides compassionate care, guidance, and resources to help children and families heal, because no child should have to grieve alone; and

Whereas By recognizing November as Children's Grief Awareness Month and November 19, 2026 as Children's Grief Awareness Day, Hidalgo County honors these children, raises awareness, and encourages our community to provide comfort and understanding; and

Whereas In Recognition of Children's Grief Awareness Month, CBC-RGV is coordinating several initiatives such as *The Light We Carry* Candlelight Vigil on November 19; the Wear Blue Initiative encouraging community members to wear blue in recognition of Children's Grief Awareness Day on November 19; and community awareness campaigns that share educational messages and spotlight grief support resources.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes November 2026 as Children's Grief Awareness Month and November 19, 2026 as Children's Grief Awareness Day. The court urges all residents, businesses, and organizations to wear blue, participate in local events, and join in offering compassion and support to grieving children and their families.

Approved this 10th day of November 2026.

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RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk