

Hidalgo County

Proclamation declaring October National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

Whereas

on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated the entire month of October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. On that day he stated, "When a child loses his parent, they are called an orphan. When a spouse loses his or her partner, they are called a widow or widower. When parents lose their child, there isn't a word to describe them. This month recognizes the loss so many parents experience across the United States and around the world."; and

Whereas

approximately one million pregnancies yearly in the United States end in early pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or the death of the newborn child; and

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early pregnancy loss is the most common type of loss. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), studies reveal that anywhere from 10-25% of all clinically recognized pregnancies will end in early pregnancy loss. When fetal death occurs after 20 weeks of pregnancy, it is called stillbirth. These tragic deaths occur in about 1 in every 160 pregnancies; and

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dealing with death in the family is never easy, especially when the loss is of a sweet baby that has gone far too soon. Healing time between family members will vary, because the loss of a child stays with parents, friends, and family members forever, and it can be challenging for others to truly understand the emotional and physical impact. It is important to allow as much time necessary to recover from any grieving process; and

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Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month enables the consideration of how, as individuals and communities, supporting groups can meet the needs of bereaved parents and family members and work to prevent causes of these problems. Sadly, these are deeply painful experiences that many families face daily, and it may be hard to talk about.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and encourages the residents of Hidalgo County to observe this month with empathy and support to help meet the needs of bereaved parents and family members that have experienced either pregnancy or infancy loss.

Approved this 13th day of October 2020.



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