

Hidalgo County

Proclamation declaring October National Dwarfism Awareness Month

Whereas

a child with dwarfism is born in every 1 per 10,000 births - or 400 births per year in the United States. Eighty percent of people with dwarfism have average height parents and siblings. There are about 400 different types of dwarfism; and

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each type of dwarfism is unique. Many types of dwarfism have some medical complications but most people have an average lifespan as productive members of society; and

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some types of dwarfism are recessive (that is, carried within family genes). Dwarfism is usually a simple genetic change, it just happens to have very visible results; and

Whereas

dwarfism is a condition that affects bones and cartilage. Despite some perceptions, a person with dwarfism's intelligence and abilities are typical of anyone else; and

Whereas

there are an estimated 30,000 people with dwarfism in the United States, and 651,700 in the world and since 2009, an organization Little People of America (LPA) has been recognizing October as Dwarfism Awareness Month with the intention of raising positive awareness around dwarfism, addressing common misconceptions and increasing opportunities for people with dwarfism around the country; and

Whereas

It's important to remember that bodies come in all shapes and sizes and feelings are hurt when people stare and make fun. People with dwarfism have names and would rather be called by their name than by a label.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed

that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of October 2021 as National Dwarfism Awareness Month and encourages the public to join in celebration as the positive awareness around dwarfism is promoted.

Approved this 19th day of October 2021.



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