

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2013 AS  
"BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Hidalgo County value the benefits of good health as a key component of a long, productive and fulfilling life and proudly support observances that focus public attention on crucial health issues, such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the most urgent health concerns facing women and men, breast cancer is the most prevalent form of non-skin cancer affecting women today; it is estimated that more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and tens of thousands are expected to lose their lives to the disease; and

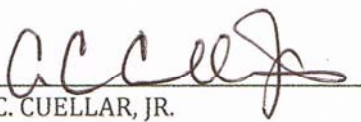
**WHEREAS**, there are factors known to increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer, nearly 80 percent of women diagnosed do not exhibit any of the determinant factors; medical experts stress the importance of early screening and recommend that all women 40 years of age and above have a mammogram and clinical breast examination, as early detection of signs and symptoms of breast cancer can increase the survival rate by nearly 95 percent; and

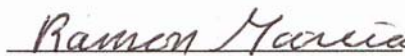
**WHEREAS**, continued progress in the battle against breast cancer demands widespread public support for innovative programs, scientific research and education; all educators, service providers, researchers and advocacy groups are urged to work together to develop ways to educate more women about breast cancer and to ensure that all women in South Texas have access to appropriate breast cancer screening services; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month-long observance, all Hidalgo County residents are encouraged to join in related activities and initiatives that help raise support and awareness of this serious health concern, which has claimed too many lives over the years; moreover, people everywhere are called upon to raise their awareness of breast cancer and contribute to the global fight against this devastating disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Hidalgo County.

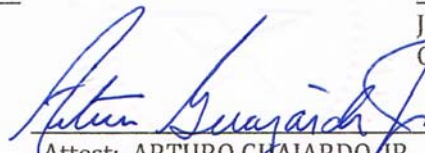
Approved this 7th day of October, 2013.

  
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

  
HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

  
JOSEPH PALACIOS  
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