

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 1-7 NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING WEEK

WHEREAS, August 1-7 of every year is designated as World Breastfeeding Week; celebrated in 120 countries to promote the many benefits of breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture and cooperating state health departments and tribal organizations promote and support exclusive breastfeeding as the optimal method of infant feeding through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and other nutrition assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, human milk provides the ideal balance of nutrients for an infant's growth and development; reduces the risk of infectious and chronic disease; protects the health of mothers and their infants; promotes mother, infant and family bonding; and may reduce the risk of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County WIC program is committed to promoting breastfeeding and joins other agencies, health organizations and breastfeeding advocates around the globe in celebrating World Breastfeeding Week to collaboratively promote awareness of the numerous benefits of breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, in addition to promoting the numerous benefits of breastfeeding, WIC works to build individual, family and community support for breastfeeding; builds awareness to protect optimal breastfeeding practices and to encourage increased breastfeeding rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims August 1-7, 2015 as National WIC Breastfeeding Week in Hidalgo County in appreciation of breastfeeding mothers and all of the dedicated volunteers, professionals, communities and organizations who support their efforts.

Dated this 4th day of August 2015.



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County Judge



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