

WHEREAS, in 2018, invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in about 266,120 women and 2,550 men in the United States, and an estimated 18,260 Texas women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and about 2,880 will die of the disease. Men are generally at low risk for developing breast cancer; however, they should report any change in their breasts to a physician; and

WHEREAS, excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among US women, accounting for 30% of newly diagnosed cancers. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, breast self-awareness, clinical breast examination and mammography, are recognized as the most effective methods of detecting breast cancer at an early, treatable stage. Women, who are 50 or over, should have a mammogram every 2 years or more often if circumstances permit; and

WHEREAS, Medicare part B helps pay the cost of a yearly mammogram for women age 40 or older and women with Medicare between 35-39 can get one baseline mammogram yearly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the important lifesaving early detection practices available for breast cancer, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court declares the month of October 2018 as:

“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

We encourage and urge all women to become aware that they are at risk and consult with their physicians to obtain appropriate screenings to help with early detection and to contact the **Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium** to learn more about resources for breast cancer. By educating ourselves and working together, we will improve our ability to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately cure breast cancer.

SIGNED, this 1st day of October, 2018

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Ruben Vogt County Judge