

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this city by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom that can be shared to enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and

WHEREAS, there were 123,852 reports of abuse older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2024; and

WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

WHEREAS, adult abuse affects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is everyone's business, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 to be:

“Elder Abuse Awareness Month”

In Mission, Texas and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

PROCLAIMED on this the 12th day of May, 2025.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman