

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, on average, about 550 babies are born with Down Syndrome in Texas each year, and about 6,000 nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,250 individuals with Down syndrome living in Hidalgo county, and 250,000 individuals living with Down Syndrome in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition that results in individuals being born with an extra copy of chromosome 21; and,

WHEREAS, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lifespan and potential of those who are affected, more efforts are needed to break down barriers and promote advocacy and access to resources for individuals with Down syndrome; and,

WHEREAS, local organizations such as the Rio Grande Valley Down Syndrome Association, Easterseals RGV, Capable Kids Foundation and Special Olympics raise awareness and education, and provide services and support for individuals with Down syndrome and their families throughout the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down Syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles within our communities; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with Down Syndrome should have an equal opportunity to chase their dreams, take pride in their achievements, be included in their community, and reach their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission proclaim October 2023, as
Down Syndrome Awareness Month
in the City of Mission.

PROCLAIMED, on this the 25th day of September, 2023.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Abiel Flores, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman