

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is observed each year to raise awareness about fire safety and to educate the public about actions that can help prevent fires and protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Charge Into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower,**" focuses on everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer; and

WHEREAS, rechargeable batteries and electronic devices are an important part of everyday life, providing convenience and technology for communication, transportation, work, recreation, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, improperly charging or storing rechargeable batteries can create serious fire and safety hazards, making safe charging practices an important part of fire prevention and public safety; and

WHEREAS, residents can help reduce the risk of fire and injury by using the charging cord and power adapter provided with their device or equipment approved by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, electronic devices should be charged on a hard, flat surface, such as a table or desk, rather than on beds, couches, or other soft surfaces that can trap heat; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to unplug and power down devices once they are fully charged and to remain alert for warning signs such as excessive heat, swelling, smoke, or unusual odors, and immediately discontinue use of a device exhibiting these conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mission Fire Department and first responders are dedicated to promoting fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and public safety education throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, practicing safe charging habits is a simple but powerful way for everyone to help prevent fires, protect property, and keep our homes and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim October 4–10, 2026, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in the City of Mission, Texas, with this year's theme, "**CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: SAFE CHARGING IS A SUPERPOWER,**" and encourage all residents, families, businesses, and visitors to learn and practice safe charging habits to help prevent fires and promote a safer community.

PROCLAIMED on this the 22nd day September, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman