

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that strikes over 14,000 American women each year; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease early when it can be effectively treated; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities lacking access to health care and proven life-saving tools; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer vaccines are available that—together with screening tests—provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness by the DHR Health Oncology Institute among patients and healthcare providers alike regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component is safe-guarding women's health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Norie Garza, do hereby proclaim January as

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all our citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support the women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer. We have the means to prevent this disease; it is incumbent on all of us to insure we have the will to do so.

PROCLAIMED on this the 27th day of January, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman