

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, National Boy Scout Day celebrates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The organization started on February 8, 1910, thanks to W.D. Boyce, an American businessman; and

WHEREAS, Boyce was inspired by a helpful scout he encountered in London. The Scout refused a tip for his assistance, saying he was simply doing his duty as a scout. This encounter motivated Boyce to bring the concept of scouting to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America quickly grew, with the first national meeting in 1911, setting the stage for a nationwide movement. James E. West became the first Chief Scout Executive, helping to adapt the British Scouting model to fit American culture and needs; and

WHEREAS, National Boy Scout Day is a reminder of the organization's significant impact. The day honors the principles and activities that have helped shape responsible and skilled citizens. It also emphasizes the educational and moral foundation provided by Scouting. Through activities like earning merit badges, Scouts explore various interests and career paths; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 83 was founded in Mission, Texas in the 1920's as one of the Rio Grande Valley's first Scout troops and whose rich history and youth involvement spans through decades (100 years) and the lives of hundreds of youth that have been impacted by the scout oath and promise and whose motto "Be Prepared" stands as a lasting testament of values instilled in each scout and volunteer scoutmaster for the rest of their lives;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, do hereby declare February 8th as National Boy Scouts Day and the month of February as:

National Boy Scouts Month

PROCLAIMED on this the 27th day of January 2025.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman