

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, September is National Food Safety Education Month, a month dedicated to promoting the safe practices of food handling and preparation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mission is strongly committed to food safety and to highlighting food safety's critical role in the health and well-being of the residents of Mission, Texas through the prevention of foodborne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mission, Health Department focuses on protecting public health by working diligently to ensure the safety of the City's retail food establishments by inspections and education; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mission Health Department provides food safety inspections and education to more than 600 hundred retail food establishments in Mission on the safe handling, preparation and storage of food, both in educational inspections and consultations; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government estimates that 48 million persons — or 1 of every 6 people get foodborne infections each year. Of those, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from their foodborne illness.

NOW THEREFORE, to further awareness of the value of food safety education, the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby proclaim September 2024 as: "**National Food Safety Education Month**" in Mission, Texas. We encourage the people of Mission, Texas to celebrate the importance of food safety with educational activities and observances that promote food safety measures for the benefit of individuals and families across Mission, Texas.

PROCLAIMED on this the 23rd day of September, 2024

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman