

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, GEAR UP serves low-income, minority, and disadvantaged students and their families from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, the UTRGV College Bound Career Linked GEAR UP project is a partnership of the Mission Consolidated Independent School District at Mission Junior High, Alton Memorial Junior, Rafael Cantu Junior High and Kenneth White Junior High and is dedicated to guiding students through mentoring, academic support, leadership development, and exposure to higher education opportunities; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, rigorous academic preparation, financial education, and college scholarships to improve access to higher education for low-income, minority, and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mission Consolidated Independent School District is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential:

NOW THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby proclaim the week of September 22-26 as:

“Planting Seeds of Growth”

and encourage our community to support and celebrate the efforts that prepare our students for brighter futures.

PROCLAIMED on this the 23rd day of September 2025.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman