

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



### In Honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week

**WHEREAS**, In 1982, President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a nation commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims, the 2022 theme is rights, access, equity, for all victims which underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all; and

**WHEREAS**, This week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, With the unwavering support of their communities and victim services providers, survivors will be empowered to face their emotions without fear of judgment; and

**WHEREAS**, Honoring the rights of victims, and working to meet their individual needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice system and social service systems; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those in hard to reach communities – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mission is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE**, the members of the Mission City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Mission, do hereby proclaim that week of April 23 – 29, 2023, as Crime Victims' Rights Week and invite the community to the *City of Mission's Garden of Light* National Crime Victims Event on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Bannworth Park and reaffirm Mission's commitment to creating victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

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Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

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