

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body, and

**WHEREAS**, MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that impacts nearly one million people in the United States; causing individuals to lose their ability to write, speak, or walk; and

**WHEREAS**, people with MS are often misunderstood because many of their symptoms including fatigue, weakness, cognition difficulties, vision loss, and depression are "invisible"; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact cause of MS is unknown and there is no cure, but there are treatments for initial attacks, medications and therapies to improve symptoms, and recently developed drugs to slow the worsening of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, South Texas M.S. Council is a non-profit organization helping to improve the quality of life of those suffering from multiple sclerosis in the Rio Grande Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public education and awareness about MS not only helps people who must cope with the disease, but also stimulates funds for vital research aimed at developing more disease-modifying treatments and ultimately a cure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as:

### **NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH**

in the City of Mission, Texas and invite you to join us for the South Texas Multiple Sclerosis Council's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and to commend this observance to all our citizens.

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

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Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

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Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

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Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman

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Alberto Vela, Councilman