

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that violates a person's privacy, dignity, and security. It is a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner by using physical, emotional, sexual, and financial control; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of domestic violence are extensive, impacting not only those directly affected but also the broader community, both within our local area and globally, causing long-term physical, emotional, and social harm; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Police Department, in partnership with local organizations and agencies, is dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources available for victims, aiming to provide support and education to the public; and

WHEREAS, we invite everyone to participate in awareness campaigns that educate the communities about the signs and consequences of domestic violence. You are welcome to wear any purple accessories or attire during October, symbolizing peace, courage, survival, honor, and personal dedication to Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We need everyone to stand together in the fight against domestic violence and support those who have been affected; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence have courageously taken the lead in advocating for safety and justice within their homes. It is crucial that we no longer view domestic violence as a silent epidemic but confront it and work together to eradicate it.

NOW THEREFORE, the members of the Mission City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Mission, do at this moment declare October 2024 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in scheduled activities and programs to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety, and ensuring that those who commit acts of domestic abuse are held accountable for their actions against individuals and our community.

PROCLAIMED on this the 28th day of October, 2024

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman