

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and far-reaching ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social impacts; and

WHEREAS, listening is a fundamental and essential component in supporting victims and survivors of crime. It requires the creation of safe and compassionate environments in which individuals are heard without judgment, believed without hesitation, and treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, listening must be followed by action. Action means providing trauma-informed services, connecting victims to resources, strengthening partnerships, and working to remove barriers within systems. It means responding quickly and compassionately when someone reaches out for help; and

WHEREAS, advocacy ensures that victims' rights are upheld and their voices are represented in the criminal justice process and beyond. It means standing alongside survivors as they navigate complex systems; 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 the week of April 19-25, 2026 as:

Crime Victims' Rights Week

This proclamation reaffirms our commitment to developing connections, standing in solidarity with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are accessible to everyone

PROCLAIMED on this the 14th day of April, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman