

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, the month of April is designated each year as National Donate Life Month, a time to honor the selfless acts of organ, eye, and tissue donors and to raise awareness about the critical need for organ donation; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the profound impact that organ donation has on individuals and families, offering hope and a second chance at life. One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of up to 75 others through eye and tissue donation. Registering as a donor does not affect the quality of medical care one receives; rather, it provides an opportunity to give countless others renewed hope while leaving an enduring legacy of compassion and dignity, bringing comfort and peace to loved ones in times of grief; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for organs and tissues far outweighs their availability, with more than 100,000 Americans currently on the national transplant waiting list, according to Donate Life America, and an estimated 13–22 people dying each day while waiting for a life-saving transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, the Texas Donor Network, the San Antonio Eye Bank, and South Texas Blood & Tissue are partnering with South Texas Health System to educate the community about the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation and to encourage individuals to register as donors throughout April and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone is a potential organ, eye and tissue donor and can register their wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at [www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We the City Council of the City of Mission recognize April 2026 as National Donate Life Month in the City of Mission, and we encourage all residents to:

- Register as organ, eye, and tissue donors
- Learn more about organ donation and the donation process
- Talk to their families about their wishes regarding organ donation
- Support organ donation awareness efforts in our community

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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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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