

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, individuals with autism have unique abilities that enrich our world. Despite the challenges they face, they demonstrate incredible resilience and strength in navigating a world that may not always understand them; and

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month, which began in 1972 thanks to the Autism Society, is a powerful reminder of the importance of promoting acceptance, celebrating differences, and embracing inclusivity for autistic individuals; and

WHEREAS, autism affects not only the diagnosed individual but the entire family and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no identified cause or cure for autism, The Bebo's Angels Autism Organization provides outreach, training, parent support meetings, and advocacy to offer hope for those affected by autism; and

WHEREAS, with the autism diagnosis rate increasing fast, we take these 30 days to celebrate. As we come together to celebrate the unique qualities and strengths of autistic individuals, and empower them with education, workforce opportunities, and inclusion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

"AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH"

in the City of Mission and invite the community to the 4th Annual Superhero Autism Day on Friday, April 24, 2026 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. at our All-Inclusive Lions Park and encourage all citizens to become educated about autism and support organizations to bring hope to individuals with Autism Spectrum disorder.

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

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman