

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, the US House of Representatives launched in July, 1985, with this year marking the 40th anniversary as Parks and Recreation Month, and

WHEREAS, the National Parks and Recreation Association designated the theme of this year's celebration as "Build Together, Play Together", and

WHEREAS, "Build together, Play Together", celebrates the many ways parks and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their communities by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, and accessible spaces to build meaningful connections: and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including The City of Mission, County of Hidalgo in the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hike and bike trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a safe place for children and adults alike to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim July, 2025, to be Park and Recreation Month in Mission, to encourage residents to enjoy our parks and natural areas, and take advantage of summer programs and events provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

PROCLAIMED on this the 14th day of July, 2025.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman