

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, families affected by the use of illicit fentanyl use desire to preserve the memory of the individuals lost to fentanyl overdose or poisoning who were unsuspecting victims, experimenting with the drug, or suffering from substance use disorder by, acknowledging the devastation caused by the use of illicit fentanyl and other dangerous drugs; and

WHEREAS, by sharing awareness about the dangers of the use of illicit fentanyl to prevent a public health crisis, self-harm, addiction, and death; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 100 times more potent than morphine and is manufactured with other illicit drugs to increase potency, sold as a powder or mixed with other illicit drugs and pressed into counterfeit pills to look like legitimate pharmaceutical drugs; and

WHEREAS, the fentanyl crisis in the United States is a serious public safety threat the illicit fentanyl poisoning rate in 2022 was the highest in the history of the United States, and fentanyl poisoning was the number one cause of death among citizens of the United States aged 18 to 45 with at least 109,680 deaths; and

WHEREAS, families affected by the use of illicit fentanyl seek to raise awareness of that issue and prevent fentanyl-related deaths, and those families join together in the effort to save lives; and

WHEREAS, parents, young people, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions and faith-based organizations, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate a commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles on Fentanyl Prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission are committed to educating young people on Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; by encouraging children, teenagers, and other individuals to choose to live drug-free lives; and encourage the citizens of the City of Mission to promote drug prevention and the creation of drug-free communities by participating in drug prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

PROCLAIMED on this the 23rd day of October, 2023

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Abiel Flores, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman