



Proclamation

CITY OF MISSION

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about epilepsy, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is defined by a tendency to experience seizures—sudden, abnormal bursts of electrical activity in the brain that can disrupt behavior, awareness, and bodily control; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder. Nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S. including over 300,000 people in Texas live with active epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed and person-centered healthcare; and

WHEREAS, 456,000 children live with epilepsy in the U.S. and students with epilepsy aged 6 – 17 years old have missed 11 or more days of school the past year on average and 336,000 kids have at least one seizure annually; and

WHEREAS, increasing public understanding of epilepsy, recognizing the signs of a seizure, and promoting seizure first aid can help save lives, reduce fear, and create a more inclusive community; and

NOW THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby proclaim November as

Epilepsy Awareness Month

and encourage residents to take action together so no one faces epilepsy alone.

PROCLAIMED on this the 27th day of October, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman