

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, poetry is a vital art form that enriches the lives of individuals, strengthens communities, and preserves cultural and historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mission recognizes the importance of celebrating creativity, storytelling, and artistic expression as essential components of a vibrant and connected community; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate serves as a literary ambassador, appointed to promote the art of poetry, inspire creativity, and engage the community through readings, workshops, and public events; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Poet Laureate symbolizes the City's commitment to the arts and provides an opportunity to promote poetry as a means of reflection, education, and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Verónica Chanón Gutierrez has demonstrated dedication to literary arts and community engagement, and will serve in this role with passion and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this position is a voluntary role carried out in the spirit of service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Mrs. Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor of the great City of Mission, Texas, does hereby proclaim Verónica Chanón Gutierrez as the Poet Laureate of the City of Mission, effective March 24, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mission, Texas, to be affixed.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of March, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman