

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious public safety concern that affects individuals, families, and communities regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, or background; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence involves a pattern of abusive behaviors used to establish or maintain power and control over an intimate partner, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial abuse, as well as intimidation, stalking; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence extend far beyond the immediate victim, often impacting children, families, workplaces, and the community, while creating lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence demonstrate extraordinary courage and resilience as they seek safety, healing, independence, and justice, and deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion, respect, and without judgment; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the warning signs of domestic violence, promoting healthy relationships, encouraging early intervention, and educating the public about available resources are essential steps toward preventing abuse and protecting victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Police Department, in collaboration with local organizations, service providers, and community partners, remains committed to supporting survivors, connecting victims with resources, promoting public education, and establishment coordinated efforts to address domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for our community to stand united in support of survivors, honor those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, and reaffirm our shared responsibility to create a community where every individual can live free from fear, abuse, and violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, on behalf of its residents, hereby recognizes October 2026 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages all residents, businesses, organizations, and community partners to join in raising awareness, promoting prevention, supporting survivors, and working toward a safer and more compassionate community. The City of Mission reaffirms its commitment to supporting victims and survivors, strengthening community partnerships, promoting accountability for acts of domestic violence, and ensuring that those affected by abuse are not left to face these challenges alone.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that together, we can break the silence, challenge the stigma surrounding domestic violence, empower survivors to seek help, and build a community founded on safety, dignity, respect, and hope.

PROCLAIMED on this 13th day of October 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman