

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, October is National Animal Safety and Prevention Month; a month dedicated to promoting the safe practices of handling and caring for both domestic and wild animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Animals play an important part in our everyday lives, even if we don't personally have pets. So, it's vital to make sure that they are treated kindly and with the respect and care they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, National Animal Safety and Prevention Month was created by the PALS Foundation. PALS is dedicated to helping people and animals coexist in a way that benefits all of nature. They believe that humans must come to know the value of all animals, both domestic and wild, and the important role that they play in our ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, there are several ways to participate in National Animal Safety and Prevention Month. Some of them are as simple as being aware of the needs of your own household pets. Make sure they are micro-chipped, collars with identification tags are also just as important; and

**WHEREAS**, if you don't have pets of your own, you can still participate in Animal Safety and Prevention Month by fostering a pet until it finds its new "forever" home or by donating money or much needed supplies to your local animal shelters. This will help to ensure that pets waiting to be re-homed will get all the necessary care; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mission would like to invite the entire community to support our Mission Animal Shelter and other non-profit organizations which encourage responsible and compassionate treatment of all animals and invite you to visit our animal shelter and adopt a pet.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby proclaim October 2024 as: "*National Animal Safety and Prevention Month*" in Mission, Texas.

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024

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**Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor**

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**Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman**

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**Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem**

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**Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman**

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**Alberto Vela, Councilman**