

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, Crime affects individuals, families and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, the concept of kinship underscores the connections that build bridges to support, services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities; this week celebrates the perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, remind us that the term "victim" is more than just a label; and

WHEREAS, Kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are; and

WHEREAS, Through kinship, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience and offer pathways to healing; and

WHEREAS, Kinship reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we must create lasting change when we work together; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mission is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Mission, on behalf of the citizens of Mission, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-April 12 as:

"Crime Victims' Rights Week"

This proclamation reaffirms our dedication to building connections, standing in kinship with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach for everyone.

PROCLAIMED on this the 24th day of March, 2025.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Gerlach, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman