

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this city by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom that can be shared to enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and

WHEREAS, abuse affected more than 120,069 older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and

WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

WHEREAS, adult abuse affects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is everyone's business, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

"ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

In Mission, Texas and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

PROCLAIMED on this the 13th day of May, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Mayor Pro Tem

Ruben Plata, Councilman

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman