

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, with 1 in 285 children receiving a cancer diagnosis before their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46 children are diagnosed with cancer each day in our nation—representing nearly 17,000 young lives impacted each year—and tens of thousands of children are actively undergoing brave, life-saving treatments at any given time; and

WHEREAS, national and regional non-profit organizations, including the American Childhood Cancer Organization, provide critical emotional guidance, educational resources, and financial assistance to help children and their families navigate the steep challenges of treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, local organizations such as the Greater Gold Foundation and Super Rami serve as dedicated champions for families battling cancer across the Rio Grande Valley—powered by passionate parents and community volunteers united under one singular mission: **#endchildhoodcancer**; and

WHEREAS, advancing toward a cure begins with elevating community awareness—a powerful catalyst that drives vital research funding and brings us closer to a future free from childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the color gold serves as a universal symbol of resilience and hope in honor of the bravery of young cancer fighters and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as:

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all residents to wear gold throughout the month to raise vital awareness. We further invite our community to stand in solidarity with these courageous families at the **12th Annual Walk for Warriors**, Monday, September 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Mission Event Center.

PROCLAIMED on this 25th day of August 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman