

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, In 1982, President Ronald Reagan’s Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a nation commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims, the 2024 theme is How would you help? All the options, services, and hope for crime survivors, is a call-to-action to create safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them.

WHEREAS, This week celebrates the perseverance and commitment that launched the victims’ rights movement, reminding us that the term “victim” is more than just a label.

WHEREAS, With the unwavering support of their communities and victim services providers, survivors will be empowered to face their emotions without fear of judgment; and

WHEREAS, Honoring the rights of victims, and working to meet their individual needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice system and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them. And that all victims of crime receive services that are reliable, meaningful, and centered on individual needs;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the Mission City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Mission, do hereby proclaim that week of April 22-26, 2024, as Crime Victims’ Rights Week and invite the community to the City of Mission’s National Crime Victims Event on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mission Police Department and reaffirm Mission’s commitment to assist and provide service to all victims of crime throughout the year.

PROCLAIMED on this the 22nd day of April, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman