

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, On April 29, 1980, Department of Public Safety officers and members of the community in Phoenix, Arizona, came together to grant the wish of Chris Greicius, a 7-year-old boy battling leukemia who wished to be a police officer.

WHEREAS, Six of the “WishMakers” involved in Chris’ wish were inspired to form a foundation that would grant life-changing wishes for other children with critical illnesses. The organization known as Make-A-Wish® has since granted more than 585,000 wishes worldwide, operating in every community in the U.S. and in 50 countries worldwide.

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley was founded in 1997 and has granted more than 1,600 wishes to children with critical illnesses in the counties of Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Brooks, Kenedy, and Starr.

WHEREAS, Research has shown that wishes can improve a child’s quality of life and produce better health outcomes. When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the City Council of the City of Mission proclaim April 29 as:

“World Wish Day”

in recognition of the anniversary of Chris Greicius’ wish that inspired the original “WishMakers” to create Make-A-Wish, which paved the way for Make-A-Wish Rio Grande Valley and the global wish-granting movement. On this day, we encourage the community to take action and sign up to become “WishMakers” in order to make more life-changing wishes possible, bringing joy, hope, and courage to our local children.

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