

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and;

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and;

**WHEREAS**, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., and;

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time, and;

**WHEREAS**, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the last 30 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out;

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including Greater Gold Foundation, Super Rami, and the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

**WHEREAS**, also observing and declaring the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to encourage the wearing of the color gold/yellow to raise awareness to this cancer.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and invite the community to join us on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Event Center, 200 N. Shary Rd. to the:

**Mission Police Department  
Shines Gold Childhood Cancer Awareness Event**

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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**Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor**

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**Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman**

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**Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem**

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**Abiel Flores, Councilman**

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**Alberto Vela, Councilman**