

# Proclamation

## City of Mission



**WHEREAS**, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties is a distinguished nonprofit organization with centers located in Edinburg, Mission, Roma, and Weslaco. Since its establishment in 2000, the Center has been committed to reducing the emotional trauma experienced by victims of child abuse. It also focuses on raising community awareness about child abuse prevention and supporting the effective prosecution of those who harm children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties is proud to be part of a network of over 1,000 Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide and one of 70 in Texas. It is also the only child-focused facility and community-based program of its kind in Hidalgo and Starr Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY2025, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties successfully provided Hope, Healing, and Justice to 1,831 young victims of child abuse. The Center created a safe, child-friendly environment that encourages and empowers these children to share their experiences without fear; and

**WHEREAS**, the comprehensive services offered by the center encompass immediate crisis intervention, forensic interviews, forensic examinations, family advocacy, mental health support, and community education; and

**WHEREAS**, in a continued effort to raise awareness and funding for its vital work, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties is hosting the 16th Annual Vinos Wine Extravaganza at the McAllen Convention Center on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. This special event will showcase a delightful array of food, wines, and exceptional entertainment featuring Premier Showband Champagne Nights and local favorite Dr. No.

**NOW, THEREFORE** we the City Council of the City of Mission support this event to raise funds to support the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties in their mission to stop child abuse, one child at a time, and to provide victims of child abuse with the opportunity for a brighter future.

**PROCLAIMED** on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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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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Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

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Alberto Vela, Councilman