

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 06.06.23

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Representative Joe Molinar - 915.212.0004

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 3 - Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a Resolution that recognizes June as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health problem that develops in some people who experience traumatic events. Anyone can develop PTSD and that includes the Veterans Community and Active-Duty Military Members. Some might experience anxiety, stress, substance abuse and even commit suicide if it is not treated on time. Emergence Health Network assist those experiencing these symptoms via its Crisis Line 915-779-1800.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has been recognized as an official mental health diagnosis by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders since 1980; and

WHEREAS, anyone can develop PTSD when they experience or witness a traumatic event, and approximately 12 million people will have post-traumatic stress disorder within a given year; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of the Armed Forces and active-duty military members are disproportionately impacted by PTSD; and

WHEREAS, many post-traumatic stress responses remain unreported, undiagnosed, and untreated due to a lack of awareness about post-traumatic stress and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress significantly increases the risk of post-traumatic stress responses, including anxiety, depression, homelessness, substance abuse, and suicide, especially if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans can call the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Line or the Emergence Health Network Crisis line at 915-779-1800 if they or a loved one are experiencing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, a time for people to raise awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT, the City of El Paso recognizes June as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to bring awareness to those with PTSD and to encourage people to reach out to their fellow citizens to provide support and remove the stigma associated with this disorder.

APPROVED this ____ day of June 2023.

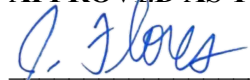
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Deputy City Attorney