

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Our city is shocked and saddened by the deaths of 22 people and injuries to many others on August 3,2019, in the city of El Paso, Texas; and,

WHEREAS: These people were sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, family and friends of people left behind in this tragedy; and,

WHEREAS: The multiple law enforcement agencies who responded to the situation displayed courage and prepared response skills that warrant recognition and gratitude; and,

Every life is valuable no matter a person's individual beliefs, ethnicity, occupation, WHEREAS: political views, cultural choices, geographic origin or nationality; and,

WHEREAS: El Paso is a city with a rich history in our State, with a strong economic and educational impact for our future, with a valued portal for international trade, tourism and cultural development, and most importantly, it is the home to over 680,000 fellow Texans; and,

WHEREAS: El Paso is the largest city in our West Texas region and a valued partner in leading our West Texas region; and,

West Texans stand together to face difficulty, including devastating heartbreak in the struggle to move forward and face the emotional realities of searching for "new normals" where life will never be the same; and,

WHEREAS: West Texas is our collective home and we value the safety and security of that home for all West Texans.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lubbock do hereby proclaim the week of August 12, 2019 as

El Paso Strong - El Paso Fuerte Week

and stand behind the people and leadership of our sister West Texas city as they grieve, move forward in hope and stand strong for a future that is safe and secure for all people. We call on all citizens to continue to carry El Paso and every person effected by this tragedy in their thoughts and prayers.

Dated this 14th Day of August, 2019

Daniel M. Pope

Mayor

Jeff Griffith

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Council member

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