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NEWS RELEASE

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

EL PASO, Texas – In observance of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week Environmental Services Departments would like to educate residents on how to prevent mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile, Chikungunya, Dengue, and Zika Virus.

Mayor Dee Margo and City Council will proclaim Tuesday, June 25, 2019 "Zika Action Day" at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Mosquito Control Awareness Week begins today, June 24, and runs through June 30, 2019.

Residents can help 'fight the bite' by reducing the spread of mosquito borne diseases and using these prevention methods:

- **DEET** - Use insect repellents that contain DEET when outdoors
- **DRESS** - Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors
- **DUSK and DAWN** – Although mosquitoes associated with Zika can be active throughout the day, residents should take extra care during peak mosquito biting hours (from dusk to dawn) or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.
- **DRAIN** – Drain standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, and birdbaths.

ESD's Vector Control Program regularly sets traps and fogs areas to prevent vector related diseases. For more information, please visit: www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services/code-compliance/vector-control.

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