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City of El Paso Invites Community to Honor the Victims of August 3

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso invites the community to participate in a series of remembrance activities marking seven years since the August 3, 2019 tragedy.

The City recognizes that this time is especially difficult for the victims' families, survivors, first responders, witnesses, and all those whose lives were forever changed on August 3. These observances honor those we lost while providing opportunities for remembrance, reflection, and healing.

"August 3 left an indelible impact on El Paso, but it also revealed the compassion and resilience of our community," said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. "As we honor the 23 lives we lost, I encourage El Pasoans to continue showing love for one another through simple acts of kindness. Whether it's by donating blood at the City's August 4 blood drive, volunteering with a local nonprofit, helping a neighbor, or reaching out to someone in need, every act of compassion helps strengthen our community. Caring for one another is what makes El Paso special."

The following remembrance activities are planned:

Unite with Light

August 2–8 @ 8:30 p.m.

Community members are encouraged to illuminate their porches or windows with orange lights each evening as a visible expression of remembrance and solidarity.

Community Remembrance Ceremony

Monday, August 3 @ 9 a.m.

Jim Crouch Park, 7500 W. H. Burges Dr.

The Border Network for Human Rights (BNHR) will host a community remembrance ceremony honoring the victims and reaffirming El Paso's commitment to unity and inclusion. They will be joined by elected officials, faith leaders, and community advocates.

Remembrance of August 3 Tribute

August 3–10

City Hall, Council Chamber Lobby, 300 N. Campbell St.

A tribute installation featuring photographs of the 23 victims will be displayed outside City Council Chambers, providing residents and visitors an opportunity to reflect and pay their respects.

Star on the Mountain

Monday, August 3 @ 9 p.m.

The Star on the Mountain will flash 23 times in memory of the 23 victims.

Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 4 @ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City Hall Breezeway, 300 N. Campbell St.

The City of El Paso and Vitalant invite the community to donate blood in honor of the victims. The blood drive reflects the compassion and generosity demonstrated by El Pasoans in the aftermath of August 3 and offers residents another meaningful way to give back.

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August 3 Memorial

The City's permanent August 3 Memorial, located near Viscount Boulevard and Sunmount Drive, remains open year-round for visitors seeking a place of remembrance and reflection.

Created by El Paso artist Albert "Tino" Ortega, the granite memorial features seven pillars arranged in a circle, each inscribed with the names of the victims. The installation also includes a mandala symbolizing harmony, unity, and interconnectedness, surrounded by native landscaping and 23 individual lights honoring each life lost.

The City encourages residents to participate in these observances in whatever way is most meaningful to them and to continue demonstrating the compassion, resilience, and unity that have become hallmarks of the El Paso community.

For additional information about the remembrance activities, visit www.elpasotexas.gov.

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