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NEWS RELEASE

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City to Host Virtual Mother's Day Celebrations on Social Media

While Mother's Day celebrations will look a little different this year, the City of El Paso invites the public to show their love for all moms by participating in virtual events that include several online Mother's Day celebrations on Sunday, May 10, hosted by various City departments.

The City is asking the community to share how they are helping to protect their mom, grandmas, aunts, cousins and other mother figures in their lives by uploading pictures or videos of their social distancing celebrations using hashtags **#ProtectYourMom** AND **#IAmEIPaso** on the City's <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>Twitter</u> pages. Participants will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive a family 4-pack season pass to the El Paso Zoo.

The public is also invited to participate in several virtual Mother's Day celebrations hosted by the El Paso Public Library and the El Paso Zoo.

El Paso Zoo

M.O.M - Missing Orangutan Mothers at Noon on Mother's Day.

The annual event raises awareness of how hundreds of orphaned baby orangutans are cared for in rescue centers in Sumatra and Borneo, and why they need help. The Facebook Live event will feature presentations by zookeepers from the Orangutan exhibit of the Asia section of the zoo. Visit the El Paso Zoo on Facebook @elpasozoo

El Paso Public Library

The libraries will host a "How to Make Calabasitas" cooking demonstration at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. A Story Time session to honor all mothers is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Mother's Day. Staff will read the book "Mother, You're the Best" by Diane DeGroat. Visit the El Paso Zoo on Facebook @elpasopubliclibrary

The City of El Paso created a short video that honors and thanks all mothers. The video can be seen and shared via this link: <u>https://youtu.be/697UF7zcx5g</u> (Spanish version: <u>https://youtu.be/4RIXZgSEacA</u>).

The City of El Paso wishes all our beautiful mothers a safe, healthy and HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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