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### **San Diego City Council to Celebrate Healthcare Heroes**

**San Diego** – Council President Sean Elo-Rivera and Members of the San Diego City Council invite the community to honor Healthcare Heroes as we mark two years since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in San Diego. This is an opportunity thank doctors, nurses, first responders and other healthcare workers for comforting us and healing us in our time of need.

**“At the beginning of the pandemic, people opened their windows, banged pots and pans and clapped for doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers as they treated people for this new disease that was taking so many lives around the world” said Council President Sean Elo-Rivera. “This month we’re reviving that spirit of appreciation and gratitude.”**

A proclamation honoring “Healthcare Heroes Month” for March 2022 will be presented to the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties at ceremony in Balboa Park.

**“The past two years have tested our collective human spirit in ways none of us could ever have imagined, and through it all the compassionate and dedicated individuals who work in our hospitals and health care facilities, together with our first responders, have been our frontline heroes in the battle against the pandemic,” said Dimitrios Alexiou, President & CEO of the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. “Our community owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to every health care worker who put their own life at risk to care for those in need. When lives were at stake, San Diego’s health care community was a shining example of collaboration and commitment for the common good.”**

The public can join the appreciation event in two ways on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm:

1. Take the time wherever you are at 6:30pm and give a one-minute standing ovation to healthcare workers.
2. Attend the ceremony at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

Let's all show appreciation for our Healthcare Heroes who have comforted and healed us throughout this pandemic.

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***Council President Elo-Rivera represents San Diego's Ninth Council District including communities of City Heights, Rolando, Southcrest, Mt. Hope, Talmadge, Mountain View, Kensington, El Cerrito, and the College Area. He is the Chair of the Rules Committee.***

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