



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Afghan-American Heritage Month

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Councilmember Kent Lee, and Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

March 2024

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is home to countless individuals from many diverse backgrounds from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Afghan-American Heritage Month, to be observed during the Afghan New Year, from March 1st - March 31st, marks the arrival of spring - symbolizing light, rebirth, new beginnings, nature, love, beauty - and the first day of the year on Afghanistan's official calendar, provides a special opportunity for the residents of the City of San Diego to honor and celebrate the profound and enduring contributions of our Afghan-American community to the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of our City and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Afghan-American community in the City of San Diego represents a proud community of individuals and families who trace their roots to Afghanistan bringing their unique and vibrant traditions, histories, and experiences to our City; and

WHEREAS, Afghan-American Heritage Month provides the opportunity to promote cultural awareness, inclusivity, and unity among all residents of the City of San Diego, perpetuating a sense of belonging among our diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, through educational opportunities, cultural events, and community initiatives, we can deepen our understanding and appreciation for the rich history of Afghan heritage in order to foster connections, and build bridges of friendship among all residents; and

WHEREAS, this year, the City of San Diego extends a hand of gratitude to the Afghan-American community members for their hard work and commitment to welcoming newcomers to the City of San Diego and promoting inclusivity which has furthered the prosperity of our diverse communities; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim March 2024 to be "Afghan-American Heritage Month" in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 19th Day of March, 2024