



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Rare Disease Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo
February 29, 2024

WHEREAS, rare diseases affect a significant portion of the global population, with over 300 million people worldwide suffering from these often debilitating conditions; and

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals and families living with rare diseases, including limited access to diagnosis, treatment, and support services; and

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day provides an opportunity to recognize the resilience and strength of those living with rare diseases, as well as their caregivers and advocates who tirelessly work to improve the quality of life for affected individuals; and

WHEREAS, research and innovation are essential in addressing the unmet needs of the rare disease community, driving advancements in diagnosis, treatment, and ultimately, finding cures for these often overlooked conditions; and

WHEREAS, the impact of rare diseases extends beyond the individuals directly affected, affecting families, communities, and society as a whole, highlighting the importance of raising awareness, increasing research efforts, and fostering greater inclusivity and support for those living with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day encourages collaboration among stakeholders, including patients, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders, to promote greater understanding, support, and action towards improving the lives of those affected by rare diseases; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim February 29, 2024 to be "Rare Disease Day" in the City of San Diego.

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