



Proclamation of the City Council

City of San Diego

Steve Thompson Day

Presented by Councilmember Stephen Whitburn & Councilmember Raul A. Campillo
May 18, 2025

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson honorably served in the United States Air Force as a medic, emergency room nurse, and safety/risk management professional, dedicating 45 years to enhancing the safety, health, and well-being of the American workforce; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson educated and mentored thousands of safety professionals throughout his distinguished career, serving as a respected instructor at San Diego State University, an educator in the Certified Occupational Safety Specialist Program, and a sought-after speaker at numerous safety and risk management conferences nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson served as a board member of various insurance and risk management organizations, earning widespread recognition for his leadership and contributions, including being named Region I Safety Professional of the Year by the American Society of Safety Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson demonstrated his entrepreneurial vision as Principal and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Aspen Risk Management Group and ERGOhealthy, leading these San Diego-based firms for 20 years to strengthen workplace safety, prevent injuries, and contribute to the local economy by creating a sustainable and impactful business; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson championed the rights of safety professionals by working with legislators to pass Assembly Bill (AB) 2257, safeguarding their ability to provide critical workplace safety service; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson played a crucial role during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing free online safety services to businesses nationwide, advocating for safety professionals to be recognized as essential workers, and ensuring employers remained accountable for workplace safety during the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Steve Thompson will be retiring in May 2025 after an illustrious 45-year career dedicated to service, education, and advocacy in workplace safety and public health, leaving behind an enduring legacy that has profoundly impacted his community, his country, and the American workforce; **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 May 18, 2025 to be "Steve Thompson Day" in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 15th Day of April, 2025