



Proclamation of the City Council

City of San Diego

Sala Thai 35th Anniversary Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo & Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
April 27, 2025

WHEREAS, Sala Thai was founded by Chiravan “Chira” Svangvitaya, who emigrated from Thailand to the United States in pursuit of higher education, discovered her passion for the culinary arts, and opened her first restaurant in 1985 on the south side of Chicago under the name “Thai Twins”; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai relocated to San Diego in 1990, when Chira Svangvitaya renamed the restaurant after her favorite spot in Bangkok—bringing with it her culinary heritage and becoming San Diego’s first Thai-owned and operated family restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai quickly built a reputation for excellence through its use of authentic flavors and fresh ingredients, drawing in loyal customers and establishing a foundation for long term success; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai has weathered the challenges of recessions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and an ever-changing restaurant industry, remaining a trusted and cherished institution among locals, SDSU students, and the wider San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai has, for 35 years, delivered vibrant, aromatic, and authentically crafted dishes that have become a beloved part of San Diego’s diverse food scene; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai has marked its 35th anniversary with a fresh new look and revitalized atmosphere, enhancing the dining experience while continuing to serve world-class cuisine both in-house and through modern food delivery platforms; and

WHEREAS, Sala Thai reflects the vision, dedication, and cultural pride of its founder, Chira Svangvitaya, whose leadership and commitment to authentic Thai cuisine have made the restaurant a beloved part of San Diego’s culinary landscape for 35 years; 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 April 27, 2025 to be “Sala Thai 35th Anniversary Day” in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 22nd Day of April, 2025