



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Afghanistan 106th Independence Day

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August 19, 2025

WHEREAS, August 19, 2025, marks the 106th anniversary of Afghanistan's Independence Day, a moment of great historical importance commemorating the nation's sovereignty through the Anglo-Afghan Treaty of 1919, and a day celebrated by Afghans across the globe through traditional food, music, dance, and the waving of the Afghan tricolored flag; and

WHEREAS, Afghanistan's Independence Day serves as a proud reminder of the Afghan people's resilience and enduring commitment to self-determination, freedom, and cultural identity, and continues to unite Afghan communities around the world in shared celebration; and

WHEREAS, San Diego is home to a significant and growing Afghan and Afghan American population, including many who arrived following the end of the War in Afghanistan in 2021, bringing with them rich cultural traditions and strengthening the city's diversity; and

WHEREAS, Afghan Independence Day provides an important opportunity for newly arrived Afghans and long-standing Afghan American residents of San Diego to come together in celebration, fostering cultural pride, intergenerational connection, and community healing; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Afghanistan's Independence Day in San Diego empowers Afghan and Afghan American residents, highlights their contributions to the city's civic and cultural life, and reinforces San Diego's commitment to inclusivity, equity, and multicultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego honors and celebrates the Afghan community's presence and resilience, and proudly acknowledges August 19, 2025, as Afghanistan's 106th Independence Day in San Diego, uplifting a spirit of unity, diversity, and shared celebration among all residents; 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 **August 19, 2025** to be "**Afghanistan 106th Independence Day**" in the City of San Diego.




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Approved by Council on the 29th Day of July, 2025