

# Proclamation of the City Council

## City of San Diego

### Joel Craddock Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo  
December 31, 2025

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock is retiring after nearly twenty-three years of distinguished service with Jewish Family Service of San Diego (“JFS”), during which he exemplified unwavering integrity, compassion, and dedication to an organization that became his professional home; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock previously held senior management roles with other human services organizations and earned a Master’s degree in Education from Southern Illinois University, and upon joining JFS in March 2003, he quickly forged a deep connection to the agency’s mission, people, and values, using his vision and advocacy to help guide its growth and strengthen its ability to meet the evolving needs of the San Diego community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock soon after joining JFS secured a milestone county contract that significantly expanded the agency’s reach and impact, positioning JFS for continued growth, and he built an impressive record of procuring and successfully managing local, state, and federal government contracts; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock was honored for his excellence, initiative, professionalism, and leadership with the agency’s annual Henrietta Rubenstein Award; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock led the Copley Avenue Senior Center with compassion and purpose, advancing services that uphold older adults with dignity and strengthening JFS’s reputation as a trusted provider of senior services throughout San Diego; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock extended his impact beyond San Diego through his foundational work to expand JFS into Riverside County—an initiative he first proposed in 2005 and considers among his proudest achievements—while his enduring legacy remains most deeply rooted in the programs, partnerships, and people he strengthened in San Diego; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Joel Craddock throughout his tenure embodied professionalism, resilience, humanity, extraordinary service, and visionary leadership, consistently demonstrating unwavering commitment to the people of San Diego and leaving an indelible legacy that will continue to shape the work and spirit of JFS for years to come;  
**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 December 31, 2025 to be “Joel Craddock Day” in the City of San Diego.



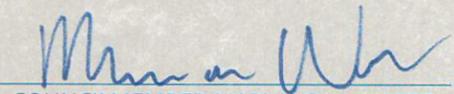
  
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Approved by Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2026.