



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Kevin Johnston Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo
April 17, 2026

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston has been a dedicated volunteer and environmental advocate in Serra Mesa since 2010 and is a leader of Friends of Ruffin Canyon, working to preserve, restore, and enhance the canyon's natural habitat; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston previously volunteered with Friends of Normal Heights Canyons from 2006 to 2010 and served as a founding Board Member of San Diego Canyonlands from 2008 to 2022, helping strengthen canyon stewardship efforts citywide; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston became involved in advancing the vision of a Ruffin Canyon trail connection as early as 2007, working with the San Diego River Conservancy and community stakeholders to transform the concept of linking neighborhood canyons to the San Diego River into a feasible, community-supported project; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston supported and helped advance a comprehensive public process beginning in 2014, led by the Serra Mesa Planning Group and Serra Mesa Recreation Council, to secure Developer Impact Fees for the Ruffin Canyon trail connection; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston, through sustained leadership and advocacy, has been instrumental in advancing the Ruffin Canyon trail connection from Serra Mesa to Mission Valley from vision to reality, including key milestones such as submission of the permit application in 2020 and completion of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental public review process in 2024; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston has demonstrated a deep commitment to preserving open space, protecting natural habitats, and expanding equitable access to recreational opportunities, while fostering collaboration between residents, nonprofits, and City agencies; **and**

WHEREAS, Kevin Johnston's persistence and leadership have culminated in the long-awaited opening of the Ruffin Canyon trail, creating a lasting community asset that connects Serra Mesa to Mission Valley and will benefit San Diegans for generations; **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 17, 2026 to be "Kevin Johnston Day" in the City of San Diego.




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Approved by Council on the 14th Day of April, 2026