



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Eritrean Independence Day

Presented by Councilmember Henry Foster III, Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, and Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
May 24, 2026

WHEREAS, Eritrean Community Services of San Diego (ECSSD) has empowered and connected Eritrean Americans for nearly four decades, strengthening a vibrant and resilient community that calls San Diego home while proudly preserving Eritrean culture and heritage; **and**

WHEREAS, Eritreans around the world commemorate May 24th as Eritrean Independence Day, celebrating the nation's hard-won sovereignty and honoring the courage, determination, and sacrifices of those who fought for freedom and self-determination; **and**

WHEREAS, San Diego's Eritrean community has long demonstrated unity, perseverance, and cultural pride, enriching the social fabric of the city and serving as a model of resilience and civic contribution; **and**

WHEREAS, ECSSD provides vital services—including advocacy, cultural education, and support programs—that advance equity, inclusion, and opportunity for Eritrean individuals and families across San Diego; **and**

WHEREAS, ECSSD leads initiatives such as financial literacy workshops, language and citizenship classes, and neighborhood engagement efforts that empower community members to succeed and participate fully in civic life; **and**

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego proudly honors the Eritrean community's legacy and ongoing contributions and joins in celebrating Eritrean Independence Day as a powerful reflection of freedom, resilience, and community strength; **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 24, 2026 to be "Eritrean Independence Day" in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 8th Day of June, 2026