



Proclamation of the City Council

City of San Diego

Tony Hicks Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo
September 22, 2026

WHEREAS, Tony Edward Hicks, born on September 22, 1980, was a beloved son, grandson, brother, uncle, friend, mentor, and community leader whose passing is mourned by all whose lives he touched, and whose life and legacy are honored on September 22, 2026, what would have been his 46th birthday; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 14, Tony was involved in the tragic death of Tariq Khamisa on January 21, 1995, for which he accepted responsibility, forever connecting the Hicks and Khamisa families through profound loss and, ultimately, an extraordinary journey of forgiveness, healing, and shared purpose; and

WHEREAS, during his incarceration, Tony committed himself to personal growth and transformation, demonstrating that a person's worst decision need not define their future and becoming a powerful example of the possibilities of accountability, second chances, and redemption; and

WHEREAS, following his release from prison in 2019, Tony dedicated his freedom to service, first joining the Tariq Khamisa Foundation Board of Directors and later serving as a Community Impact Facilitator, working alongside the Khamisa family to create safer schools and communities through education, mentorship, restorative practices, and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, Tony courageously shared his story with thousands of students, educators, families, and community leaders, encouraging young people to recognize their potential, make thoughtful choices, take responsibility for their actions, and embrace empathy, forgiveness, and peace; and

WHEREAS, Tony was cherished for his kindness, humor, radiant smile, generous spirit, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life, and although his life was cut short, his legacy endures through his family, friends, colleagues, students, and the countless lives touched by his unwavering belief in the possibility of change; **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 September 22, 2026 to be "Tony Hicks Day" in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 15th Day of September, 2026