



Proclamation of the City Council

City of San Diego

Kimberly Hunt & Billy Ray Smith Jr. Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

October 10, 2026

WHEREAS, *Kimberly Hunt and the late Billy Ray Smith Jr. will be honored together at the 46th Annual Nice Guy of the Year Gala for distinguished careers, community leadership, and decades of service to the San Diego region;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Kimberly Hunt and Billy Ray Smith Jr. first met while co-hosting a United Cerebral Palsy telethon, married in 1990, and shared 36 years together raising their daughter, Savannah, becoming one of San Diego's most beloved couples and a partnership rooted from the very start in service to others;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Kimberly Hunt, a 14-time Emmy Award-winning anchor for ABC 10News San Diego, has spent four decades covering the stories that matter to Southern California, earning the lasting trust of viewers through accurate, meaningful journalism;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Kimberly Hunt's work has earned a regional Edward R. Murrow Award, a Golden Mic Award, and first-place honors from the San Diego Press Club for investigative reporting that has held power to account and served the San Diego community;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Billy Ray Smith Jr., a College Football Hall of Famer, started at linebacker for the San Diego Chargers from 1983 to 1992, earning All-Pro honors and a place on the Chargers' 50th Anniversary Team, then became a familiar voice to San Diegans as a television sports director, football commentator, and longtime radio personality;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Billy Ray Smith Jr. co-founded the Great Friends Foundation, raising millions of dollars to support military families, provide scholarships and computers for children, and fund adaptive sports equipment and rehabilitation for wounded service members;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *San Diego mourned the loss of Billy Ray Smith Jr. on July 29, 2026, at the age of 64, after he faced a long battle with dementia with extraordinary courage, dignity, and strength; a Charger for life and a devoted husband, father, son, and friend, he leaves a legacy of generosity, joy, and service that will endure across San Diego for generations;* ***and***

WHEREAS, *Kimberly Hunt and Billy Ray Smith Jr. have given countless hours to charities, nonprofits, schools, and community causes, embodying the Nice Guys' spirit of neighbors helping neighbors and showing what it means to serve San Diego;* ***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* ***October 10, 2026*** *to be* ***"Kimberly Hunt and Billy Ray Smith Jr. Day"*** *in the City of San Diego.*

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Approved by Council on the 6th *Day of* October, 2026.