



# Proclamation of the City Council

*City of San Diego*

## Ahmad Shah Massoud Day

Presented by Councilmember Raul A. Campillo  
September 9, 2023

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, known as the “Lion of Panjshir” was a founding father of the resistance against the Soviet Invasion in the 1980s and then against the Taliban and al Qaeda in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud, is recognized as a legendary guerilla leader and anticommunist resistance leader for his major contributions towards securing an independent Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud’s unrivaled devotion to his people and country will allow his legacy to live after he was assassinated by al Qaeda just two days prior to September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Shah Massoud inspired the formation of the Massoud Foundation USA in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Massoud Foundation USA aspires to support community development among the Afghan diaspora and continuously improve the relationship between Afghanistan and America; 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 9, 2023 to be “Ahmad Shah Massoud Day” in the City of San Diego.

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*Approved by Council on the*

19<sup>th</sup>

*Day of*

September

2023