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SAN DIEGO TO PROCLAIM DAY IN HONOR OF CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION
Nonprofit Dedicated to Supporting Individuals with Physical Challenges Celebrating 25th Anniversary

San Diego, CA: Headquartered in District 6, the [Challenged Athletes Foundation \(CAF\)](#) provides opportunities and support to individuals with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. CAF believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence, and enhances quality of life.

"I'm honored to recognize the Challenged Athletes Foundation for their 25 years of service. CAF enhances the quality of life for passionate and motivated athletes who continually challenge themselves every day," stated Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6.

The Challenged Athletes Foundation has raised \$100 million dollars and provided 23,000 individual grants for adaptive sports equipment, training, travel, and competition expenses.

"We started 25 years ago with a humble vision to help one injured friend, Jim MacLaren," Virginia Tinley, Chief Executive Director. "With the passion and dedication of supporters and Challenged Athletes alike, we started a movement where Challenged Athletes have changed perceptions and taught us all what we can overcome with strength, perseverance and community support. I'm proud that CAF has been a major source of that support by providing 23,000 individual grants worldwide across 95 different sports to get individuals with physical challenges back into the game of life."

WHAT: Challenged Athletes Foundation 25th Anniversary Day

WHERE: San Diego City Hall, 202 C Street, 12th Floor (Council Chambers), San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

WHO: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer; Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry; Councilmember Chris Cate; Challenged Athletes Foundation Founders - Jeffrey Essakow, Bob Babbitt, and Rick Kozlowski; Challenged Athletes Foundation Board Members and Staff; Challenged Athletes Ambassadors including Sarah Reinertsen and Scout Bassett

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