



PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe and Supervisor Joel Anderson

HONORING AMERICAN HEART MONTH

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease has become the world's leading cause of death and disability, affecting millions of individuals and families each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital annually in the United States, with 70% of these incidents occurring at home and only about 1 in 10 surviving, while over 23,000 children under the age of 18 also experience cardiac arrest, nearly 40% of which are sports-related; and

WHEREAS, CPR, when performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of survival during cardiac arrest, yet only 46% of victims receive CPR from nearby individuals while awaiting emergency responders; and

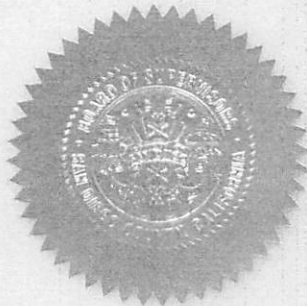
WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education about cardiac emergency response, including CPR training, automated external defibrillator (AED) accessibility, and the implementation of cardiac emergency response plans, has proven to be an effective solution to improve survival rates; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers™ initiative aims to empower communities by providing the knowledge and resources to respond to cardiac emergencies, with the ambitious goal of doubling the survival rate from cardiac arrest by 2030; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of February 2025 as American Heart Month, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to take part in CPR training, support heart-healthy practices, and join efforts to address cardiovascular disease as a public health priority, creating stronger, healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those occasions and organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and American Heart Month is one such worthy occasion with the American Heart Association being one such worthy organization; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 11th day of February 2025 that they commend the **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this month to be "**AMERICAN HEART MONTH**" throughout San Diego County.



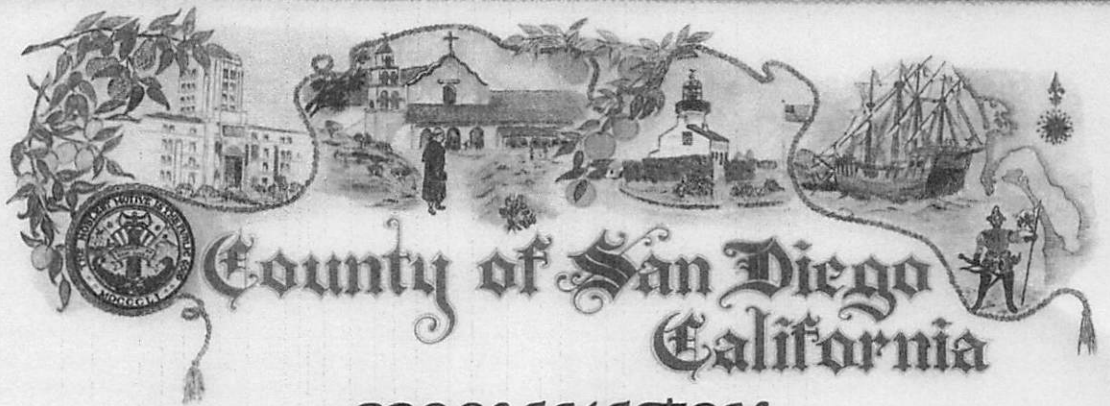
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PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Jim Desmond

HONORING BOB STACEY, VISTA FIRE CAPTAIN RETIRED

WHEREAS, Bob Stacey, Fire Captain Retired Vista Fire Department, IAFF, Local 4107, for over 30 years and is a cancer survivor of over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, after celebrating his 56th birthday the department conducted his annual physical testing, which includes blood testing with resulted in him being advised to see a urologist, a week later he was diagnosed with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Bob was resolved to beat this just as he had tackled challenges in the fire service, and so his treatments started with 28 treatments of Proton Beam Radiation and is now cancer free; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Fighter Awareness Month is observed annually in January that aims to raise awareness about elevated risk of cancer among firefighters, promote prevention strategies and support diagnosed with firefighter-related cancers; and

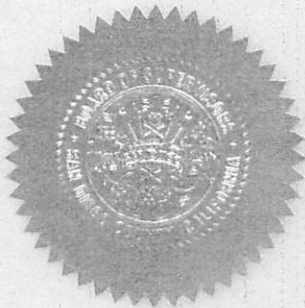
WHEREAS, cancer is a leading cause of death among firefighters, and research suggest firefighters are at higher risk of certain types of cancers compared to the general population; and

WHEREAS, Bob and his friend Bob Nunez walked 15 miles from Lake San Marcos thru Carlsbad to Encinitas, about 6 hours to raise cancer awareness and is a volunteer at the Firefighter Cancer Support Network; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, the nonprofit Firefighter Cancer Support Network has provided assistance and one-on-one mentoring to thousands of cancer-stricken firefighters and EMTs and their immediate families; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and BOB STACEY is one such worthy individua; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 11th day of February 2025, that they commend the BOB STACEY for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "**BOB STACEY DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



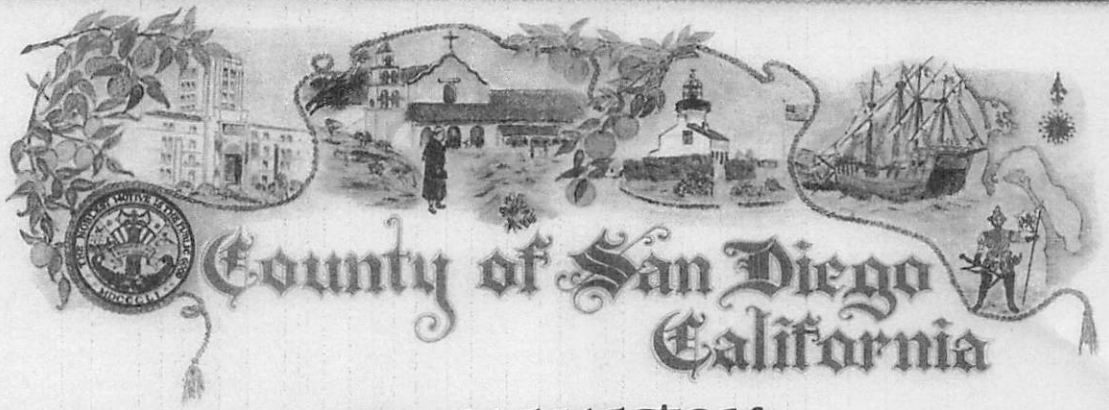
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HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, February is celebrated as Black History Month, a time to reflect upon and honor the invaluable contributions, cultural heritage, and enduring legacy of the Black community in shaping the history, identity, and progress of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," established "Negro History Week" in 1926, which later expanded to a month-long observance in 1976 to ensure the achievements, resilience, and experiences of Black Americans are recognized and celebrated across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Black community's rich history is deeply intertwined with ministry, faith, and spiritual leadership, which have served as pillars of strength, advocacy, and unity throughout centuries of struggle and triumph, providing comfort, hope, and inspiration to countless generations; and

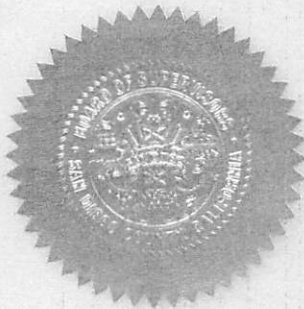
WHEREAS, the legacy of Black spiritual leaders, from the abolitionist movement to the civil rights era, continues to inspire current and future generations, fostering a collective vision of dignity and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month recognizes the ongoing contributions of the Black community to San Diego County, fostering the next generation of leaders, such as REEL Teens San Diego; and

WHEREAS, REEL Teens San Diego is a black-owned organization founded by James Wiley Jr. that provides a safe haven of love, support, and fun for teenagers while promoting spiritual growth and service to the community, helping young people to amplify their voices, share their stories, and explore their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring REEL Teens San Diego as they are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and are one such worthy organization; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 11th day of February 2025 that they commend REEL TEENS SAN DIEGO for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this month to be "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" throughout San Diego County.



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WHEREAS, Black History Month recognizes the ongoing contributions of the Black community to San Diego County, such as those done by the African American Association of County Employees (AAACE); and

WHEREAS, the AAACE focuses on preparing the next generation of African American leaders, collaborating with community partners and establishing a legacy for the community they represent; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring the African American Association of County Employees as they are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and are one such worthy organization; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 11th day of February 2025 that they commend **AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this month to be "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING HARRY L. MATHIS

WHEREAS, Harry L. Mathis, originally from San Francisco, is a University of California, Berkeley graduate and dedicated 28 years of exemplary service in the United States Navy (June 25, 1954-November 1, 1981), serving on six submarines, and most notably achieving the rank of Captain and Commander of nuclear submarine Sculpin (SSN-590); and

WHEREAS, In 1993, he was elected San Diego District One Councilmember and became Deputy Mayor in 2000; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) by Mayor Susan Golding in 1995 where he has served – first as an alternate and later a regular voting member – for the past 30 years, with his term officially expiring in May 2025; and

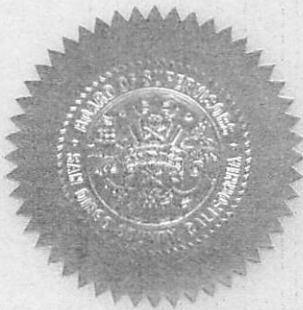
WHEREAS, Mathis served as Chair of the San Diego Trolley and chair pro tem on the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), before becoming an ex-officio board member of MTS – the successor of MTDB; and

WHEREAS, He served as Chair of MTS for 3 four-year terms and spearheaded the reintroduction of Vintage Trolley Cars/President's Conference Committee Cars (PPCs) to San Diego via a non-profit subsidiary of MTS (San Diego Vintage Trolley, Inc.); and

WHEREAS, Mathis has been married to his wife Mary for 63 years and has two wonderful daughters – Mary and Laura – along with five grandchildren and is retiring after over 70 years of dedicated professional service and we express our sincere gratitude for his exceptional contributions and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals who are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and HARRY L. MATHIS, is one such worthy individual: NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 3rd day of March 2025 that they commend HARRY L. MATHIS for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "HARRY L. MATHIS DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI AHMED

WHEREAS, Ibrahim Abdullahi Ahmed is a dedicated public servant, policy expert, and community advocate whose work has transformed public policy, advanced equity, and strengthened communities throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, as a former refugee and growing up in City Heights, San Diego, Ibrahim's experiences led him to advocate for underserved communities, ensuring they had a voice in government. His work in policy development, public service, and civic engagement helped drive meaningful change at the local level; and

WHEREAS, as a Senior Policy Advisor to Supervisor Joel Anderson on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Ibrahim contributed to key policy areas, including Health and Human Services and Finance and General Government, helping implement initiatives that addressed homelessness, public health, refugee and immigrant affairs, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Ibrahim played a key role in shaping data equity policies, such as the first-ever MENA policy for a U.S. local jurisdiction, ensuring Middle Eastern and North African communities are accurately represented in county data to better align resources, services, and programs with community needs; and

WHEREAS, Ibrahim contributed to San Diego County's AI initiatives, working through the AI Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to explore the potential of AI to improve services for 3.3 million county residents, enhance operational efficiency, and support county employees; and

WHEREAS, through his work with community organizations, advocacy groups, and local leaders, Ibrahim has helped advance policies that support underserved populations, promote equitable public services, and modernize government operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service, and Ibrahim Abdullahi Ahmed's contributions have had a lasting impact on policy, governance, and community well-being; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 21st day of February 2025 that they commend **IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI AHMED** for his exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to the people of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "**IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI AHMED DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING JERRY SANDERS

WHEREAS, Jerry Sanders has served as the President and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce since 2012, transforming it into the largest and most active chamber in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, under Jerry Sanders' leadership, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce has solidified its role as a champion for local businesses, driving economic growth and advocating for policies that enhance the region's business climate; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sanders has played a pivotal role in uniting the business community to address critical issues such as cross-border trade, workforce development, and infrastructure investments, all of which contribute to the economic prosperity of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sanders' unwavering commitment to collaboration has positioned the Chamber as a leading voice in regional public policy, advancing initiatives that create jobs, empower business owners, and enhance the quality of life for San Diego County residents; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sanders' extensive career in public service has been marked by dedication to improving the region's economic stability, civic engagement, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Sanders' contributions have left an indelible mark on the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and while his departure marks the end of a remarkable chapter, it also celebrates the enduring legacy of his achievements; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals and organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and Jerry Sanders is one such worthy individual; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 27th day of February 2025 that they commend **JERRY SANDERS** for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "**JERRY SANDERS DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



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PROCLAMATION

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HONORING LISANE BASQUIAT

WHEREAS, Lisane Basquiat is a visionary leader, entrepreneur, and cultural advocate whose work empowers individuals to embrace their fullest potential, cultivate personal freedom, and build legacies that uplift future generations; and

WHEREAS after a distinguished corporate career, Lisane transitioned into entrepreneurship, founding Shaping Freedom®, a transformational platform that helps individuals align with their purpose, strengthen familial bonds, and lead with authenticity. Through Shaping Sanctuary™, she extends this mission into beautifully curated spaces that inspire creativity, and through Hera Hub Carlsbad, she fosters a thriving, gender-inclusive entrepreneurial community; and

WHEREAS, as co-administrator of the Jean-Michel Basquiat Estate, Lisane plays a vital role in preserving and expanding access to her brother's profound artistic legacy. Her dedication to this work ensures that his contributions continue to shape culture, inspire creativity, and elevate the voices of marginalized communities worldwide; and

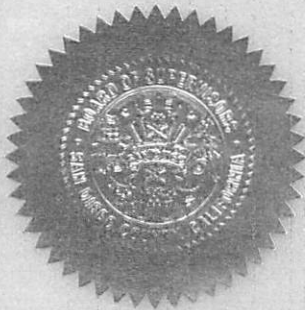
WHEREAS, Lisane's commitment to transformation extends beyond business—she is a thought leader, strategist, and mentor, guiding others to step into their power through her work as a speaker, coach, and podcast host. Her leadership is a beacon for those seeking to redefine their lives, create generational change, and cultivate deeper connections to themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Lisane has been widely recognized for her impact, including being named San Diego's 2022 Business Woman of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), and her work has been celebrated in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Rolling Stone; and

WHEREAS, we proudly honor Lisane Basquiat for her extraordinary contributions to personal transformation, cultural preservation, entrepreneurial leadership, and the arts. Her work—celebrating Black culture, empowering marginalized communities, and preserving African-American art and heritage—has been a source of inspiration for many and has made a profound and lasting impact. Through her vision and dedication, she has enriched lives and strengthened communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals and organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and LISANE BASQUIAT is one such worthy individual; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of February 2025 that they commend the LISANE BASQUIAT for her outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "LISANE BASQUIAT DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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Presented by Supervisor Jim Desmond

HONORING MIRACOSTA COLLEGE'S ROOTS OF JUSTICE

WHEREAS, MiraCosta College has a longstanding commitment to its Roots of Justice Community Garden including the Horticulture Department, which enrolls about 400 students annually and hosts community events such as Future Farmers of America Field Days; and

WHEREAS, MiraCosta College has received a grant from The Prebys Foundation to set up a project to enhance the mental health and wellness of formerly incarcerated and marginalized students through hands-on outdoor experiences; and

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence shows that spending time in nature and engaging with the arts can reduce social isolation, improve mental health, and foster a stronger sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund the "Seeding Justice Empowerment Project", targeted for formerly incarcerated students, low-income students, foster youth, veterans, and students of color – groups often facing limited access to green spaces in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this project will offer immersive natural experiences, particularly within MiraCosta College's Roots of Justice community garden and students will engage with agriculture while benefiting from the mental wellness advantages of working outdoors; and

WHEREAS, students will also learn about drawing connections between nature, sustainability, environmental stewardship, and personal growth combining gardening practices with mental wellness and career education; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 25thth day of February 2025 that they commend the MIRACOSTA COLLEGE for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the students and citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "MIRACOSTA COLLEGE'S ROOTS OF JUSTICE DAY" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting over 1 million people in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge and insight into the disease, and together we have transformed what it means to live with MS and provided global leadership; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel research on pathways to MS cures and invest in the MS research workforce at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives and one that all Americans and Californians should support; and

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's - Pacific South Coast Chapter is one such worthy organization; **NOW THEREFORE,***

***BE IT PROCLAIMED** by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 9th day of March 2025 that they commend the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's - Pacific South Coast Chapter for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare March 9-15, 2025, as "**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**" throughout San Diego County.*



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HONORING NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13th, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted Live Well San Diego to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, in San Diego County, 1 in 3 children starting public school have untreated dental decay and every day, on average, 1 child is admitted to a local hospital and 2 to 3 children are seen in a local emergency department with a dental related issue; and

WHEREAS, in addition to preventing pain and infection, improving oral health in children prevents missed school days, improves school performance, allows for proper nutrition, and improves children's overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, February is National Children's Dental Health Month and provides an opportunity to raise awareness for the importance of oral health in children, promote good dental hygiene, and educate families, caregivers, healthcare workers, and educators on the importance of ensuring children have their first dental visit at or before they are 12 months old; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month promotes drinking water over sugar sweetened beverages and access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables over juices, chips, and other high carbohydrate snacks to prevent cavities and obesity; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month also provides an opportunity to advocate for access to timely high-quality dental care for all children regardless of race, ethnicity, income, education, immigration status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals and organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of February 2025 that they commend the **LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this month to be **"NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH"** throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

WHEREAS, engineers face the major technological challenges of our time – rebuilding towns devastated by natural disaster, restoring the environment and assuring safe, clean, and efficient sources of energy, and designing information systems that will speed our country into the future; and

WHEREAS, engineers use their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs, from advances in life-saving medicines to more productive crop yields to cleaner drinking water; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of DiscoverE to sustain and grow dynamic engineering professions through outreach, education, celebration, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the fourth week in February is designated as National Engineers Week, with the goal of celebrating how engineers make a difference in our communities, increasing public dialogue about the need for engineers, and bringing engineering to life for children, educators, and parents; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its Officers, President Debra Kimberling, Treasurer Ken Discenza, Secretary Karen Lawrence, and Vice President Cesar Garcia, the San Diego County Engineering Council organizes and sponsors an array of local events for Engineers Week, with the support of several local companies, and professional engineering societies; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, National Engineers Week is observed February 16 through February 22 with the theme, "Design Your Future"; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Engineers Week 2025 will kick-off with awards on February 18, 2025, to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations in the categories of Outstanding Engineer, Outstanding Engineering Educator, Outstanding Engineering Project, and The Dr. Thomas Avolt Kanneman Outstanding Engineering Service Award; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations and occasions that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, with the San Diego County Engineering Council being one such worthy organization, and National Engineers Week one such worthy occasion; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of February 2025 that they commend the San Diego County Engineering Council for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this week to be "NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK

WHEREAS, San Diego Blood Bank is the regional blood bank serving Southern California and SeaWorld San Diego is a leading marine life theme park and accredited zoo and aquarium that provides experiences that matter while educating and inspiring guests of all ages to care about marine life; and

WHEREAS, SeaWorld San Diego and San Diego Blood Bank have demonstrated exceptional commitment to health and well-being of the San Diego community through their partnership in critical blood donation initiatives this fall; and

WHEREAS, SeaWorld San Diego has provided significant support and resources by providing incentives to encourage donors and using its platform to raise awareness about the importance of blood donations; and

WHEREAS, through this collaboration, in the month of September 2024, over 11,000 blood donors - including more than 2,000 first time donors - donated over 17,000 pints of blood products to save the lives of countless patients in need, strengthening the health infrastructure of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of SeaWorld San Diego and San Diego Blood Bank exemplify the spirit of service, compassion, and dedication that is essential to the well-being of our county; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals and organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and SeaWorld San Diego and San Diego Blood Bank are such worthy organizations; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 26th day of February 2025 that they commend the **SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK** and **SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare the month of September to be "**BLOOD DONATION MONTH**" throughout San Diego County.



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HONORING SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO

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HONORING SOUTHCREST YOUTH BASEBALL

WHEREAS, Shelley Curtis White dedicated over 67 years to serving as an umpire, mentor, and advocate for youth baseball, shaping generations of young athletes with discipline, integrity, and respect for the game; and

WHEREAS, the White Legacy Youth Baseball Community Complex Fund was founded to preserve Shelley Curtis White's lasting impact and ensure that every child in Southeast San Diego has access to baseball without financial barriers through sponsorships covering registration fees, uniforms, and equipment—because no child should ever have to pay to play; and

WHEREAS, the White Legacy Fund proudly serves as a steward of Shelley Curtis White Baseball Field and a sponsor of Southeastern Little League, providing a safe, inclusive space for youth to develop their skills, character, and sense of community through the game of baseball; and

WHEREAS, this initiative reflects the unwavering commitment of Southeast San Diego to ensure that the next generation of athletes, students, and leaders have the opportunity to play, learn, and grow through baseball; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego recognizes the power of sports to build character, resilience, and unity among youth and commends the White Legacy Fund for its dedication to keeping Shelley Curtis White's mission alive for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring **Southcrest Youth Baseball** as they are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and are one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of March 2025 that they commend the **WHITE LEGACY YOUTH BASEBALL COMMUNITY COMPLEX FUND** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "**SOUTHCREST YOUTH BASEBALL DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



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PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Jim Desmond

HONORING “WATKINS WELLNESS” 2025 GREAT FUTURES CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY AWARD

WHEREAS, Watkins Wellness, a global leader in the production of hot tubs and aquatic fitness, headquartered in Vista, CA and has fostered a sense of philanthropy and encourages employee engagement within their business; and

WHEREAS, Watkins Wellness has been chosen to receive the Boys & Girls Club of Vista (BGCV) 2025 Great Futures Corporate Philanthropy Award, which is the highest recognition The Club bestows on a corporation; and

WHEREAS, through their inspiring example and superb leadership, Watkins Wellness has ensured that the youth of the Vista Community will always have a club to call their own and the resources that they need to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their financial contributions Watkins Wellness supports, wellness days at the club through yoga and meditation and an Annual Back to School Community event by providing 300 backpacks with school supplies to school age children; and

WHEREAS, Career Days to share with youth the opportunities for jobs within their company along with hosting middle and high school students at their site to support BGCV Career Launch Program that provides youth the opportunity to visit local businesses and colleges in their community to make careers and higher education a reality; and

WHEREAS, they encourage employee volunteer support throughout the year, host events to raise critical funds so that children have a club to attend, and ensure that every club member receives a personalized gift at the holidays; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and WATKINS WELLNESS is one such worthy organization; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of March 2024 that they commend **WATKINS WELLNESS** for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be “**WATKINS WELLNESS DAY**” throughout San Diego County.



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PROCLAMATION

WILLIAM MORGAN

WHEREAS, William Morgan has dedicated over 20 years of exemplary service to the County of San Diego, beginning his career on December 3, 2004, as a Senior Civil Engineer in Construction Engineering; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, William Morgan has consistently demonstrated exceptional skill, strong leadership, and a deep dedication to public service, earning him well-deserved promotions within the Department of Public Works, including Deputy Director of the Engineering Services Division in 2017, Assistant Director in 2023, leading the department as Interim Director in 2022, and most recently in 2024; and

WHEREAS, William Morgan's leadership has been instrumental in the successful completion of numerous critical infrastructure projects that have significantly benefited the residents of San Diego County, including the McClellan-Palomar Airport Terminal Redevelopment, the South Santa Fe Avenue (North) project, the Valley Center Road Bridge Over San Luis Rey River, and the Wing Avenue Flood Control Improvement; and

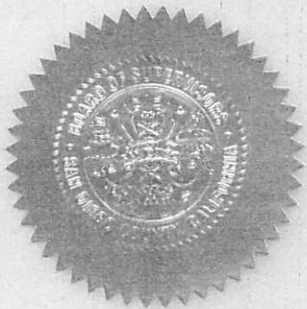
WHEREAS, William Morgan oversaw the successful completion of the San Vicente Road Improvements, the Bear Valley Parkway Widening, and the Woodside Avenue Flood Control Improvements, further demonstrating his expertise in managing complex projects and delivering valuable public assets; and

WHEREAS, William Morgan's career at the County of San Diego demonstrates his adaptability, leadership, and commitment to service, always caring for his team and working with dedication to improving infrastructure, providing essential public services, and expanding community engagement in San Diego County, which together have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, partners, and the community; and

WHEREAS, William Morgan was dressed as Jack Sparrow during the last Halloween event and was primarily defined as a trickster who can be treacherous and survives mostly by using wit, guile, and negotiation rather than force, and fight only when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and William Morgan is one such worthy individual; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 4th day of March 2025 that they commend the **WILLIAM MORGAN** for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to San Diego County residents and do hereby declare this day to be "**WILLIAM MORGAN DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



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PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Jim Desmond and Joel Anderson

HONORING WOMEN'S INDIGENOUS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the mission of the Native Youth Foundation is to promote the physical, mental and spiritual health of Native and Indigenous children; and

WHEREAS, the Native Youth Foundation empowers Indigenous youth by providing a positive athletic and educational experiences, including sports seminars led by professional athletes and role models free of charge to all youth; and

WHEREAS, the Native Youth Foundation aims to educate our youth on substance abuse, nutrition and other forms of counseling and advice available through seminars and other educational platforms; and

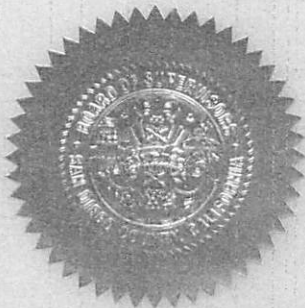
WHEREAS, the women's indigenous flag football team challenges youth to improve themselves physically through exercise, sports and education; and

WHEREAS, the women's flag football is the fastest growing sport in the United States and was highlighted during Superbowl LIX in New Orleans February 5th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic Committee has approved men's and women's flag football to the Olympic program for the 2028 summer games in Los Angeles, CA; and

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and the Women's Indigenous Flag Football Team is such worthy organizations; **NOW THEREFORE,***

***BE IT PROCLAIMED** by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of February 2025 that they commend the Native Youth Foundation for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens of San Diego County and do hereby declare this day to be "**WOMEN'S INDIGENOUS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM DAY**" throughout San Diego County.*



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