

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 10th AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people in America have often suffered persecution and removal from their homelands at the hands of governing bodies and through the colonization and settlement of America; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to one of the largest and most diverse populations of Indigenous peoples anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many Indigenous peoples who have lived here for a very long time, others crossed borders and oceans to get to California, and some made their home here as a result of federal policies that forced the mass relocation of Native Americans westward; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that South San Francisco is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples’ of this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live, work, and visit in South San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people contribute to the academic, economic, and cultural success and well-being of this community each and every day; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a day to take time to celebrate Indigenous peoples and to also reflect on how their resistance and persistence has shaped our City and California for the better.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize October 10th as Indigenous Peoples’ Day, and takes this day to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our City.

Mark Nagales, Mayor

Buenafior Nicolas, Vice Mayor

Mark Addiego, Councilmember

James Coleman, Councilmember

Eddie Flores, Councilmember