

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
MONTH IN APRIL**

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated nationally as Volunteer Appreciation Month to recognize the hard work, dedication, and passion of volunteers and national service members throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout this past year, volunteers found unique and innovative ways to spread joy and meet the emotional and physical needs of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteering one's time, talents and resources has been an integral part of our heritage since the early days of our nation and it is essential that we continue this tradition of giving and sharing to preserve and improve the quality of life for all citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco believes that government alone cannot meet all of our city's needs, so we partner with businesses, non-profit organizations, foundations, parents, guardians, and individuals who serve in city government and South San Francisco Unified School District to make a difference in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco has an outstanding group of citizen volunteers who give of their time to greet and meet the needs of our citizens and give of their unselfish efforts to help shape our government, which can affect positive change; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco wants to take this time to recognize the more than 1,500 volunteers that have served the city ranging from CERT members, to various other groups such as Improving Public Places, Friends of Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Library, to our volunteers who helped with tax preparation and Project Read tutoring, to volunteering for Full of Fun Camp for Young People with Special Needs, to volunteering for our annual, wildly popular Halloween Extravaganza and food distribution events. In addition, the City recognizes the more than 100 volunteers with our Adopt a Storm Drain program, which has helped reduce localized flooding and decrease litter and debris from entering our 125 miles of South San Francisco stormwater infrastructure and waterways.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize April as National Volunteer Appreciation Month and says "thank you" to all individuals, groups, and businesses who have given time, energy, and resources to our community through volunteer service.*

Alex Lau, Mayor

Ryan Gunawan, Vice Mayor

Steven Moreno, Councilmember

Kai Ohtake, Councilmember

Indira Sergio, Councilmember

Dated: April 17, 2024