

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

*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, the tradition of recognizing volunteers started with National Volunteer Week in 1974, when President Richard Nixon officially declared it in a proclamation; and*

*WHEREAS, volunteering one’s time, talents and resources has been an integral part of South San Francisco, 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 meet the needs of our community 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, Sign Hill Stewards, to our volunteers who helped with tax preparation and Project Read tutoring, to volunteering for Full of Fun Camp, to volunteering for our annual, 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, especially Farhad & Laura Doctor, proud IPP volunteers, who enthusiastically help with food distribution events, Every Kid Deserves a Bike program, Wreath Workshop, and other city events!*

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*Eddie Flores, Mayor*

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*Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor*

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*James Coleman, Councilmember*

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*Mark Nagales, Councilmember*

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*Buenafior Nicolas, Councilmember*