

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY MONTH**  
**January 2023**

***WHEREAS**, South San Francisco is the biotech capital of the world with over 225 active biotechnology companies and over 11 million square feet of biotechnology space that continues to grow; and*

***WHEREAS**, we recognize the enormous potential that biotechnology holds for improving the quality of life here in California, our Nation and around the world. These technologies, which draw on our understanding of the life sciences to develop products and solve problems, are progressing at an exponential rate and promise to make unprecedented contributions to public health and safety, a cleaner environment, and economic prosperity; and*

***WHEREAS**, biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments; and*

***WHEREAS**, biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses which are critical to America's agricultural system; and*

***WHEREAS**, biotechnology promises environmental benefits including protection of water quality, conservation of topsoil, improvement of waste management techniques, and reduction of chemical pesticide usage; and*

***WHEREAS**, biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States in international commerce and trade; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is important for all Americans to understand the role biotechnology contributes to their overall quality of life.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim January 2023, as National Biotechnology Month in South San Francisco, the birthplace of biotechnology.*

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*Buenaflor Nicolas, Mayor*

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*Mark Nagales, Vice Mayor*

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*Mark Addiego, Councilmember*

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*Eddie Flores, Councilmember*

*Dated: January 25, 2023*