

**RECOGNITION OF SAMOAN HERITAGE WEEK**  
**JULY 28 – AUGUST 3, 2024**

***WHEREAS**, the Samoan community has greatly contributed to the City of South San Francisco and many have found a sense of belonging with our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, Samoans are active in every facet of life including education, sports, health care, spirituality, economic development, public works, construction, maintenance, politics, and national security; and*

***WHEREAS**, Samoan Heritage Week is a time to speak out, share stories and celebrate the Samoan traditions, which have deep roots in South San Francisco; and*

***WHEREAS**, time and again throughout our Nation’s history, Samoans have demonstrated their dedication to ideals upon which the United States is founded. In times of war and in times of peace, they have faithfully defended the principles of freedom in uniform; and*

***WHEREAS**, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Samoan people, we celebrate the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future; and*

***WHEREAS**, knowledge of heritage holds significant importance as it serves to honor, educate, and rejoice in the customs and traditions that have been passed from generation to generation, ensuring they are preserved and cherished for each’s benefit.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco recognizes July 28, 2024 – August 3, 2024, as Samoan Heritage Week in South San Francisco and encourages the community to join us at City Hall on July 30 as we raise the flags of Samoa. The flags will fly from the mayor’s balcony for the duration of the week.*

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*James Coleman, Mayor*

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*Eddie Flores, Vice Mayor*

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*Mark Addiego, Councilmember*

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*Mark Nagales, Councilmember*

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*Buenaflor Nicolas, Councilmember*