1    [Afghan American Heritage Month - August 2025]

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3    **Resolution declaring the month of August 2025 as Afghan American Heritage Month in**

4    **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6          WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is home to one of the largest Afghan

7    American populations in the United States, many of whom have made San Francisco a place

8    to live, work, raise families, and build community; and

9          WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have played a vital role in advancing civil rights, social

10   justice, and immigrant advocacy both locally and nationally, often mobilizing in solidarity with

11   other historically marginalized communities; and

12         WHEREAS, Following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, San Francisco

13   has emerged as a sanctuary city for Afghan refugees and evacuees seeking safety, dignity,

14   and opportunity, exemplifying the city's longstanding commitment to welcoming those fleeing

15   violence and persecution; and

16         WHEREAS, Afghan American organizations across the Bay Area have provided

17   essential services - including legal aid, resettlement support, housing, education, workforce

18   development, and trauma-informed care - to newly arrived families navigating the challenges

19   of displacement and rebuilding; and

20         WHEREAS, Afghan Americans continue to shape the cultural identity of San Francisco,

21   from opening restaurants and small businesses to creating art, music, film, and literature that

22   carry the resilience, beauty, and complexity of Afghan heritage into public life; and

23         WHEREAS, The community's presence is especially vibrant in Central and South San

24   Francisco, where Afghan-owned businesses, community organizations, and cultural spaces

25   have flourished, contributing to the vibrancy and diversity of our neighborhoods; and

1    WHEREAS, August 19th marks Afghanistan's Independence Day, a date of deep

2    historical and emotional significance that symbolizes the spirit of sovereignty, resistance, and

3    self-determination for Afghan people worldwide; and

4    WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of August 2025 as Afghan American Heritage

5    Month provides an opportunity to uplift Afghan American voices, celebrate their many

6    contributions, and reaffirm San Francisco's commitment to diversity, equity, and cultural

7    inclusion; now, therefore, be it

8    RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco declares the month of August

9    2025 as Afghan American Heritage Month in honor of the many ways Afghan Americans

10   contribute to the life and legacy of our city; and, be it

11   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the

12   Afghan American community's deep and enduring contributions to our city's cultural, social,

13   economic, and political landscape, enriching the civic fabric of San Francisco; and, be it

14   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to

15   standing in solidarity with the Afghan American community in San Francisco and beyond, and

16   to advancing policies that promote equity, inclusion, and justice for all immigrant and refugee

17   communities.

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July 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/22/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

_Angela Calvillo_
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

8/1/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

_Angela Calvillo_
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8/1/2025

Date