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RESOLUTION NO.

| [Afghan American Heritage Month - August 2025] |
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| Resolution declaring the month of August 2025 as Afghan American Heritage Month in |
| the City and County of San Francisco. |
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| WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is home to one of the largest Afghan |
| American populations in the United States, many of whom have made San Francisco a place |
| to live, work, raise families, and build community; and |
| WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have played a vital role in advancing civil rights, social |
| justice, and immigrant advocacy both locally and nationally, often mobilizing in solidarity with |
| other historically marginalized communities; and |
| WHEREAS, Following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, San Francisco |
| has emerged as a sanctuary city for Afghan refugees and evacuees seeking safety, dignity, |
| and opportunity, exemplifying the city's longstanding commitment to welcoming those fleeing |
| violence and persecution; and |
| WHEREAS, Afghan American organizations across the Bay Area have provided |
| essential services - including legal aid, resettlement support, housing, education, workforce |
| development, and trauma-informed care - to newly arrived families navigating the challenges |
| of displacement and rebuilding; and |
| WHEREAS, Afghan Americans continue to shape the cultural identity of San Francisco, |
| from opening restaurants and small businesses to creating art, music, film, and literature that |
| carry the resilience, beauty, and complexity of Afghan heritage into public life; and |
| WHEREAS, The community's presence is especially vibrant in Central and South San |
| Francisco, where Afghan-owned businesses, community organizations, and cultural spaces |
| have flourished, contributing to the vibrancy and diversity of our neighborhoods; and |
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| 3 | self-determination for Afghan people worldwide; and |
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| 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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WHEREAS, August 19th marks Afghanistan's Independence Day, a date of deep

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

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): \square 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) \square 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) \square 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. \square 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. \square 8. Reactivate File No. 9. \square Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): \Box Yes \square No (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Subject: Long Title or text listed: