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Date: July 24, 2026

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1 [South Asian American Heritage Month - July 18 through August 17, 2026]

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3 **Resolution declaring July 18 through August 17, 2026, as South Asian American**
4 **Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and affirming the cultural,**
5 **religious, and linguistic richness within the South Asian community, and recognizing**
6 **this pluralism as a source of strength that contributes to San Francisco's identity as an**
7 **open, inclusive, and forward-looking city.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is home to a vibrant and growing
10 South Asian community, including both recent immigrants and multi-generational South Asian
11 Americans, with ancestral roots in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives,
12 Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, each contributing meaningfully to the city's civic, cultural, and
13 economic fabric; and

14 WHEREAS, South Asian immigrants and South Asian Americans presence in San
15 Francisco dates back to the 19th century, with generations contributing significantly to San
16 Francisco through their leadership and work in small business, technology, education,
17 healthcare, law, arts, transportation, hospitality, public service, and community advocacy and
18 solidarity with other immigrant communities including in times when the United States
19 government turned against its own citizens and incarcerated Japanese Americans in
20 internment camps during World War II ; and

21 WHEREAS, Members of the South Asian community live and work across
22 neighborhoods and districts throughout San Francisco, contributing to the city's economic
23 vitality through small businesses, restaurants, family-run stores, professional services, and
24 innovation-driven industries, while enriching the cultural and civic fabric of the city; and

1 WHEREAS, The South Asian community has also faced significant challenges,
2 including exclusion under early U.S. immigration laws, racial and religious discrimination,
3 surveillance, and xenophobia, most notably in the early 1900s and the onslaught of structural
4 Islamophobia and broad racist sentiment that followed the attacks of September 11, 2001,
5 which defined an entire era of history, as well as ongoing anti-Sikh and anti-Hindu
6 discrimination that have impacted South Asian communities across lines of faith and identity,
7 yet has continued to organize, build coalitions, and fight for equity, justice, and full civic
8 inclusion; and

9 WHEREAS, South Asians in San Francisco have been at the forefront of advocacy for
10 immigrant rights, gender equity, LGBTQIA+ representation, workers' protections, among other
11 issues, often working across racial, religious, and ethnic lines to build a more inclusive city;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, This resolution affirms the cultural, religious, and linguistic richness within
14 the South Asian community and recognizes this pluralism as a source of strength that
15 contributes to San Francisco's identity as an open, inclusive, and forward-looking city; and

16 WHEREAS, The period from July 18, 2026, through August 17, 2026, marks historically
17 significant dates in South Asian history, including the Indian Independence Act (July 18,
18 1947), the partition of India and Pakistan (August 1947), and the Independence Day of the
19 Maldives (July 26), Bhutan (August 8), Pakistan (August 14), India (August 15), and
20 Afghanistan (August 19), making this month a deeply meaningful time to honor both the
21 histories and continued presence of South Asians in San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, recognizing South Asian American Heritage Month reaffirms the City and
23 County of San Francisco's commitment to honoring the contributions, visibility, and lived
24 experiences of South Asian residents; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 18,
2 2026, through August 17, 2026, as South Asian American Heritage Month in the City and
3 County of San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board honors the past and present contributions of
5 South Asian immigrants and South Asian Americans and reaffirms its dedication to
6 representation, belonging, and opportunity for all communities in San Francisco.

Introduction Form

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

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Mahmood

Subject:

South Asian American Heritage Month - July 18 through August 17, 2026

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: