

1 [Afghan American Heritage Month - August 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring the month of August 2024 as Afghan American Heritage Month in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco to honor the significant contributions of the**
5 **Afghan American community to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the city.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay Area is home to some of the largest numbers of
8 Afghans in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors
10 recognize the efforts and rich cultural diversity that the Afghan community contributes to the
11 vibrant and dynamic nature of our city; and

12 WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have been at the forefront of the fight for civil rights and
13 social justice; and

14 WHEREAS, The Afghan American population has tirelessly advocated for the well-
15 being of its community, both here and abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay Area has become a sanctuary for the resettlement of
17 Afghan refugees; and

18 WHEREAS, Numerous Afghan American organizations in San Francisco and
19 throughout the Bay Area work tirelessly to support Afghan refugees and asylum seekers,
20 providing essential services such as legal assistance, housing, education, and job training to
21 help them integrate into the community and rebuild their lives; and

22 WHEREAS, Central San Francisco has become a cultural haven for a growing number
23 of Afghan American artists, musicians, business owners, and families that have shared their
24 traditions and culinary delights with residents and visitors alike; and

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1 WHEREAS, Leading the Afghan American community to be one of the many
2 communities that contribute to the vitality of the city; and

3 WHEREAS, August 19th holds significant historical importance for the Afghan
4 community as it marks the day when Afghanistan gained its independence in 1919,
5 symbolizing a proud moment of national sovereignty and resilience; and

6 WHEREAS, Declaring August as Afghan American Heritage Month in San Francisco
7 provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the diverse contributions of Afghan
8 Americans to the city, as well as to promote greater understanding and appreciation of Afghan
9 culture and history; and

10 WHEREAS, This designation reaffirms San Francisco’s commitment to fostering an
11 inclusive and welcoming environment for all its residents, regardless of their cultural or ethnic
12 background; and

13 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors
14 recognizes the many achievements and contributions made by Afghan Americans to the
15 vitality of the city; and

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco holds August 2024
17 as Afghan American Heritage Month.

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