



# Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Arab Film Festival Week

Presented by Councilmember Stephen Whitburn & Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

April 4, 2025 to April 13, 2025

WHEREAS, the San Diego Arab Film Festival plays a crucial role in promoting Arab American Heritage Month, cultural dialogue, and mutual respect by providing a platform for filmmakers to share authentic narratives, creating opportunities for the broader community to engage with the complex and diverse realities of the Arab world; and

WHEREAS, the annual San Diego Arab Film Festival is a flagship cultural event presented by KARAMA, an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering greater understanding of the history, narratives, and pressing issues facing the Arab and Islamic world; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2012, the San Diego Arab Film Festival has served as a vital platform for showcasing the richness and diversity of Arab culture, enhancing awareness, and deepening appreciation for the lived experiences, histories, and artistic contributions of Arab communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Arab Film Festival provides a vital space for San Diego's Arab community to celebrate their heritage and see their stories reflected on screen, while also introducing broader audiences to the depth and vibrancy of Arab culture, history, and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Arab Film Festival contributes to the local economy and tourism industry, attracting visitors, filmmakers, and cultural enthusiasts to the city, boosting local businesses, and reinforcing San Diego's reputation as a diverse and globally connected cultural hub; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Annual San Diego Arab Film Festival will open on April 4, 2025 and feature a dynamic lineup of short and feature-length films from across the Arab world and its diaspora, bringing powerful and authentic storytelling to audiences at San Diego's Museum of Photographic Arts; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim April 4, 2025 to April 13, 2025 to be "14<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Arab Film Festival Week" in the City of San Diego.



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Approved by Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2025