

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

*Declaring May 4, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Day
and May 2 – 8, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Week*

WHEREAS, in 1953, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt urged Congress to designate a day for teachers to be recognized; however, the first National Teacher Day occurred until March 7, 1980, and four years later, the National Education Association decided to honor teachers the first week in May instead of one day;

WHEREAS, National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, recognizes and honors the dedication of educators across the country who lend their passion and skills to educating children;

WHEREAS, teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping children to be the leaders of tomorrow; they are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated and understanding professionals that help mold children and guide them in positive directions;

WHEREAS, teachers influence and change the lives of millions of children every day, and especially this year when instruction has been virtual, in-person or a mix of both, their immense work and impact have provided much-needed support, a sense of community and connection;

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators across America have been working hard to ensure every student has had the tools needed to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor teachers and recognize their lasting contributions they make to all our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 11th day of May 2021, that **I, Al Rios, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby declare May 4, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 2 – 8, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Week, and call upon all citizens to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Teachers in our community. We appreciate you and thank you.

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Mayor Al Rios

