PROCLAMATION

Declaring the 4th of July 2022 as Independence Day in honor and celebration of our nation's 246th birthday

WHEREAS, the 4th of July is a sacred day in our country — a day of history, hope, remembrance and resolve, promise and possibilities; and

WHEREAS, we are reminded of the greatness and the goodness of our nation where our forefathers' words about liberty and equality literally changed the world; and

WHEREAS, our eyes are fixed on the promised land where equality is not only an aspiration but a reality to the men and women who gave their lives to procure these freedoms; and

WHEREAS, this year, the 4th of July is a day of special celebration, for we are emerging from years of challenges and isolation due to the pandemic; times of pain, fear, and heartbreaking loss; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of South Gate enjoy the freedoms provided by this independence, and are proud to be a part of such a great nation; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to celebrate in a safe manner with family and friends the two-hundred forty-sixth birthday of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed this 28th day of June 2022, that I, Al Rios, Mayor of the City of South Gate, on behalf of the City Council and citizens do hereby proclaim the 4th of July as Independence Day and celebrate our nation's 246th birthday.

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