

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



RESOLUTION

**Bulgarian Cultural Heritage Month**  
March 2026

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles proudly celebrates its rich multicultural heritage and recognizes the invaluable contributions of diverse communities that strengthen the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bulgarian-American community in Los Angeles has made significant contributions to the arts, education, business, science, public service, and civic life, enriching the cultural landscape of our city; and individuals of Bulgarian heritage, such as the sculptor and painter Atanas Katchamakoff (Jan 18, 1898 – Dec 22, 1988) and the film director and producer Ted Kotcheff (Apr 7, 1931 – Apr 10, 2025), among others, have achieved global recognition for their artistic excellence and creative leadership, bringing distinction both to the City of Los Angeles and to the proud cultural legacy of Bulgaria; and

**WHEREAS**, Bulgaria, founded in 681 A.D., is one of the oldest states in Europe, renowned for its unique cultural traditions, classical music, folklore, literature, visual arts, and its historic contributions to European civilization; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks more than eleven centuries since the creation of the Bulgarian alphabet, globally known as the Cyrillic alphabet, which was developed in the 9th century during the First Bulgarian Empire and has since had a profound cultural and historical influence across many countries in Eurasia; and

**WHEREAS**, the enduring legacy of the Cyrillic script, now one of the most widely used writing systems in the world, is reflected in its use by over 250 million people and its status as the official alphabet in many countries in Eurasia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bulgarian state and the Bulgarian diaspora, in coordination with the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, are working toward the placement of a monument dedicated to the Cyrillic alphabet, honoring Bulgaria's historic contribution to global literacy and culture; and this monument will serve as a lasting symbol of shared values and cultural exchange between the Republic of Bulgaria and the City of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of March holds special significance for the Bulgarian people, as March 3rd marks Bulgaria's National Liberation Day, commemorating the restoration of Bulgarian statehood; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout March 2026, cultural events, performances, exhibitions, educational initiatives, and community gatherings will highlight Bulgarian heritage and promote cross-cultural understanding and friendship between the people of Los Angeles and the Republic of Bulgaria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consulate General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Los Angeles plays an active and leading role in promoting Bulgarian culture in the region, organizing and supporting cultural, educational, and artistic initiatives, and building enduring cultural bridges that strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Bulgaria and the City of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles values its longstanding ties with the Republic of Bulgaria and recognizes the efforts of community organizations, cultural institutions, and the Consulate General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Los Angeles in fostering cultural exchange and mutual understanding:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby declare the month of March 2026 as **BULGARIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH** in Los Angeles and encourages all residents to join in celebrating the rich history, traditions, and cultural contributions of the Bulgarian people.

Presented by:

TRACI PARK  
Councilwoman, 11<sup>th</sup> District

Seconded by:

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## Jorge Ramos, 39 Years of Service

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos is retiring on February 20th, 2026, from the Department of Recreation and Parks, Logistics Division, after over 39 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos started his career on January 7th, 1987, with the City of Los Angeles, Recreation and Parks, and started as a full-time Recreation Director I at Lincoln Park Senior Center after graduating from Cal State LA in Therapeutic Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos demonstrated kindness and service to patrons from different cultural backgrounds as a Recreation Director I, and mediated with the community to promote park safety and develop recreation programs, like at Lincoln Heights Recreation Center, where he was reassigned in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos was reassigned to Eagle Rock Recreation Center in 1990 to develop a large sports program, and soon after was promoted to a Recreation Director II in 1992 at Montecito Heights Recreation Center, where he started a highly successful indoor soccer league in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos supported the Mayor's "Summer Night Lights" program, promoting community through late-night recreation, for 15 years, and is responsible for the logistical expertise and advancement of the annual "Lotus Festival", for which he has been involved since 1987, building stages and coordinating festival support and design; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos has been the point of contact for inter-departmental support with the Planning Division and the Public Information Office for ribbon cuttings, ground- breakings, dedications, and other notable events, and thus developed a rapport with commissioners, councilmembers, and Mayors Karen Bass, Eric Garcetti, Antonio Villaragosa, and Richard Riordan; and

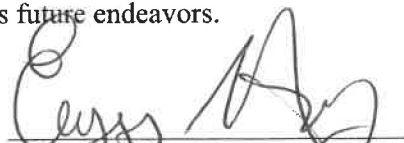
**WHEREAS**, in 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, Jorge Ramos executed the planned allocation of resources for the Department Operations Center (DOC), providing on-call support and supplying shelters with supplies, testing, and toiletries; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Ramos has been blessed to work with diverse, talented, and dedicated City staff and considers them family; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge has been married for 25 years to his wife Sandra Ramos, and has two children, Charissa and Jonathan, 3 step-children, Crystal, Abel, and Sergil, and 5 grandchildren, Maddie, Christopher, Alexa, Abram, and Silus, and now looks forward to road trips to Laughlin, Nevada, visiting and touring Rome, and refereeing soccer games; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate Jorge Ramos for 39 years of loyal and dedicated public service, and for representing the Recreation and Parks Department with excellence, and wishes him continued happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

  
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ  
Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

  
All Council

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