

RESOLUTION

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and


WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than \$162 million to support nearly 600 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is committed to make ALS livable and cure it for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, The City of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month, and calls upon all Angelenos to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

PRESENTED BY: 
BOB BLUMENFELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: 

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Whereas, the University of Southern California's Joint Educational Project (JEP) established its STEM Education Programs in 2006 with the launch of the Young Scientists Program (YSP), rooted in a mission to promote equity, curiosity, and hands-on science learning for Los Angeles youth; and

Whereas, JEP STEM has grown over two decades into a cornerstone of community-engaged education, connecting USC students, faculty, and local schools to deliver authentic, inclusive science instruction while inspiring the next generation of innovators and educators; and

Whereas, what began with a \$50,000 Weingart Foundation grant serving two schools and two grade levels has expanded to seven partner elementary schools, providing instruction to more than 31,000 K–5 students, 900 teachers, and 20 principals, with plans to expand to sixth grade through collaboration with the USC Rossier School of Education; and

Whereas, JEP STEM's Young Scientists Program employs and trains USC undergraduates as STEM educators, offering 2,500 LAUSD students annually a hands-on science curriculum that doubles classroom exposure to STEM and yields measurable growth in science knowledge, confidence, and representation; and

Whereas, JEP STEM initiatives now extend beyond classrooms to include partnerships with eight National Science Foundation research projects—translating USC discoveries into accessible community learning—and the STEAM Powered Career children's book series, which distributed 180,000 bilingual books to Los Angeles families, advancing literacy, representation, and diverse pathways into STEM; and

Whereas, evaluation data collected across two decades show significant academic gains among participating students and growing diversity in students' perceptions of scientists—now reflecting themselves, women, and people of color with increasing frequency; and

Whereas, for 20 years, JEP STEM has embodied USC's commitment to social impact and educational equity, transforming how science is taught, who teaches it, and how students see themselves in the world of STEM; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Los Angeles proudly recognizes and celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the USC Joint Educational Project's STEM Education Programs and the Young Scientists Program, honoring their visionary leadership, measurable community impact, and dedication to building a more inclusive and scientifically literate Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ


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Invincible Day

WHEREAS, the East Los Angeles Women’s Center (ELAWC) was founded in 1976 by women leaders in the East Los Angeles community, and has served as the leading voice for thousands of survivors of domestic and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, their support services for survivors include a 24-hour bilingual hotline, connecting with trusted professionals, and resources available within their community; and

WHEREAS, the ELAWC proudly commemorates its fiftieth year of service, advocacy, and support for survivors of sexual violence and their families; and

WHEREAS, the beginning of Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls upon communities to recognize the prevalence of sexual violence and renew a collective commitment to prevention, healing, and justice; and

WHEREAS, April 1, 2026, marks the first annual Invincible Day: A Day of Strength, A Day for Survivors, honoring the resilience, courage, and healing of sexual assault survivors; and

WHEREAS, Invincible Day stands as a bold affirmation that survivors are not alone, and that compassion, advocacy, and accessible support services are essential to the path toward healing; and

WHEREAS, the day serves as a declaration of unity, bringing visibility where there has been shadow, voice where there has been silence, and validation where there has been doubt; and

WHEREAS, we affirm clearly and without hesitation that survivors are believed, survivors are powerful, survivors are resilient, and survivors are invincible; and

WHEREAS, community members are invited to show solidarity by wearing red lipstick and hoop earrings as symbols of fierce, unapologetic support for survivors and a rejection of harmful narratives that attempt to justify sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all to learn more about the ELAWC’s campaign, “Red Lips, Hoops On: Invincible!” to challenge harmful narratives, support the healing of sexual assault survivors, and build a future free from violence.

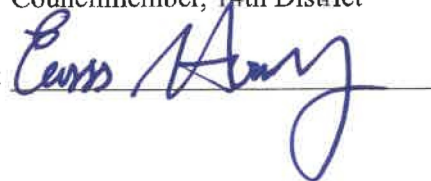
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes the first annual **INVINCIBLE DAY** on April 1, 2026, to encourage everyone to stand in solidarity with survivors, uplift their voices, and commit to ending sexual violence through awareness, action, and compassion.

Presented by:


YSABEL JURADO

Councilmember, 14th District

Seconded by:




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James Conlon

WHEREAS, James Conlon is one of the most esteemed and influential conductors of our time, whose extraordinary career has shaped and enriched the classical music traditions of the United States and Europe for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, since making his debut in 1974 as the youngest conductor to lead the New York Philharmonic, he has conducted at the world's most prestigious opera houses and led nearly every major orchestra across the United States and Europe, including more than 270 performances at the Metropolitan Opera; and

WHEREAS, over a distinguished career of global leadership, he has held prominent roles with leading cultural institutions, including the Paris Opera, the City of Cologne, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Cincinnati May Festival, where his 37-year tenure stands among the longest in American classical music history; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, James Conlon has served as Music Director of the LA Opera, becoming the longest-serving conductor in the company's history and leading hundreds of performances across a wide-ranging repertoire; and

WHEREAS, his visionary leadership has defined a transformative era for LA Opera, including milestones such as the company's first Ring cycle, the landmark Britten 100/LA celebration, and the West Coast premiere of *The Anonymous Lover* by Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges; and


WHEREAS, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to equity and historical recognition in the arts through the groundbreaking Recovered Voices series, ensuring that the music of composers silenced by the Nazi regime is heard and preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, after 20 years of exceptional leadership, James Conlon concludes his tenure as Music Director of the Los Angeles Opera, leaving an enduring legacy that has elevated the cultural life of Los Angeles and enriched generations of audiences; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous honored distinctions, including as a Library Lion by the New York Public Library; Commendatore Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana by the President of the Italian Republic; Commandeur de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Minister of Culture; and the Legion d'Honneur, France's highest honor, by then-President of the French Republic Jacques Chirac.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council honors and celebrates **JAMES CONLON** for his extraordinary 20 years of service as Music Director of the Los Angeles Opera, recognizing his visionary leadership, artistic excellence, and lasting contributions to the cultural fabric of our City, and congratulates him on a remarkable legacy that will continue to inspire Los Angeles and the world for generations to come.

Presented by:


YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

Seconded by:



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Los Angeles Federal Credit Union

Commemorating 90 Years of Service to Los Angeles City Employees

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1936, in the midst of the Great Depression, thirteen Los Angeles City employees came together with a bold vision to create a stable, community-focused financial institution to serve their fellow Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, through a federal charter, the Los Angeles City Employees Federal Credit Union was established in a small shared office inside Los Angeles City Hall, founded on the principles of trust, service, and financial empowerment; and

WHEREAS, from an initial pooled deposit of just \$65, the credit union grew steadily, expanding its reach, opening new branches, and becoming a trusted financial partner to generations of City employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, today, the credit union stands as a pillar of financial strength and community investment, serving more than 75,000 members, stewarding more than \$1.25 billion in assets; and

WHEREAS, for 90 years, the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union has helped thousands achieve financial stability, advancing economic equity and expanding opportunity for historically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, beyond its financial services, Los Angeles Federal Credit Union has demonstrated an enduring commitment to the City of Los Angeles through philanthropy, volunteerism, and community partnership, leaving a lasting imprint on the civic and social fabric of our City;

WHEREAS, the credit union, originally operating with one part-time employee from a room inside Los Angeles City Hall, now employs more than 180 people across eight branches throughout Southern California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates the **LOS ANGELES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary, recognizing nine decades of service, growth, and unwavering commitment to financial empowerment, and commending its legacy as a trusted institution that continues to uplift and strengthen communities across Los Angeles.

Presented by:

YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

Seconded by:

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WHEREAS, in 1926, a small group of inspired amateur telescope makers formed the Los Angeles Telescope Makers Society, a group that would eventually evolve into the Los Angeles Astronomical Society (LAAS) in 1949, serving for a century as a beacon of scientific literacy and wonder for the citizens of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the LAAS has remained steadfast in its mission to provide a welcoming community for amateur astronomers, hobbyists, and students, offering mentorship and resources that serve as a pathway for those seeking to become professional astronomers or specialized astrophotographers; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the LAAS have volunteered thousands of hours to bridge the gap between urban life and the cosmos, sharing the beauties of the night sky through a consistent, high-quality presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, through a long-standing partnership with the Griffith Observatory, the LAAS has hosted monthly lectures, expert-led meetings, and public star parties that have educated and inspired generations of Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, the LAAS provides essential, free public telescope training and observing opportunities through its operation and maintenance of community-focused facilities, including the Garvey Ranch Observatory, the John C. Ford Observatory, and prestigious sites such as the Mount Wilson Observatory; and

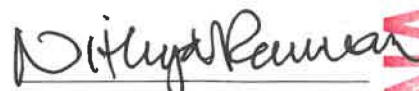
WHEREAS, the LAAS has provided invaluable educational outreach for schools and scouting groups, fostering curiosity in the next generation of scientists through hands-on, engaging astronomical experiences; and

WHEREAS, the LAAS has been instrumental in protecting our natural heritage by raising awareness of light pollution and collaborating with leaders to promote dark sky preservation for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the LAAS remains tirelessly dedicated to illuminating the night sky, enriching our educational landscape, and inspiring curiosity in the wonders of the universe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of Los Angeles hereby commends the Los Angeles Astronomical Society as it celebrates its centennial anniversary and recognizes its century of service to the community, dedication to scientific discovery, and unwavering pursuit of knowledge about the cosmos. May its legacy continue to shine as brightly as the stars it so lovingly observes.

PRESENTED BY:


NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:




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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FELISE COHEN-KALPAKIAN

WHEREAS, Assistant City Attorney Felise Cohen-Kalpakian concludes a storied and exemplary 36-year career with the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, leaving behind a legacy defined by unwavering integrity, legal excellence, and an enduring commitment to the people of the City of Los Angeles and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumna of the Los Angeles educational community, Felise earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State University, Northridge in 1986, followed by her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Felise's journey with the office began in October 1989 as a law clerk, transitioning into her role as a Deputy City Attorney within the Central Trials Branch, where she became a formidable advocate for public safety by prosecuting a diverse spectrum of criminal misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Felise joined the Central Trials Pre-Trial Unit, where she mastered the complexities of law and motion, providing critical legal analysis and litigation strategy across all facets of criminal law; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2019, Felise served as the Supervisor of the Central Trials Pre-Trial Unit—the largest and most high-volume prosecution branch in the City—demonstrating exceptional leadership and operational expertise in the face of relentless demand; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Felise rose to the challenge of a shifting legal landscape by becoming the inaugural Supervisor of the newly established Brady Unit, ensuring the office upheld the highest ethical standards of discovery and constitutional transparency; and

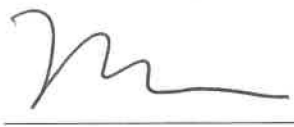
WHEREAS, in 2020, in recognition of her profound contributions, institutional knowledge, and superior legal acumen, Felise was promoted to Assistant City Attorney, a testament to her status as a leader and mentor within the Criminal Division; and

WHEREAS, throughout nearly four decades of service, Felise has been a pillar of continuity for the office, serving under five City Attorneys: the Honorable James K. Hahn, Rockard J. Delgadillo, Carmen A. Trutanich, Mike Feuer, and Hydee Feldstein Soto; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, Assistant City Attorney Felise Cohen-Kalpakian will retire after 36 years of dedicated service, having earned the profound respect of her peers, the judiciary, and the city she so faithfully served:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes and commends ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FELISE COHEN-KALPAKIAN for her lifelong devotion to justice and wishes her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

PRESENTED BY:

 for

TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:




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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JULIE SAN JUAN

WHEREAS, Assistant City Attorney Julie San Juan concludes a distinguished 30-year tenure with the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, having exemplified an unwavering dedication to the pursuit of justice, the rule of law, and faithful public service to the people of the City of Los Angeles and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Julie San Juan commenced her service with the office as a law clerk and was subsequently appointed Deputy City Attorney in the Hollywood Branch, where she prosecuted a broad array of misdemeanor offenses, safeguarded community welfare, and served with distinction as a law and motion deputy, demonstrating notable proficiency in legal research, written advocacy, and litigation strategy; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, expertise, and demonstrated leadership, Julie San Juan advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, ultimately supervising multiple branches— including the Hollywood Branch, the San Pedro Branch, and the Pacific Branch at the Airport and Long Beach offices— wherein she exercised sound judgment, administrative oversight, and effective leadership across diverse and high-volume operations; and


WHEREAS, in her supervisory capacity, Julie San Juan cultivated a professional environment rooted in accountability, collegiality, and mentorship, fostering the development of attorneys and staff while upholding the highest standards of ethical practice and commitment to justice; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Julie San Juan has been a respected and reliable leader, contributing institutional knowledge, continuity, and thoughtful counsel while serving under five City Attorneys: the Honorable James K. Hahn, Rockard J. Delgadillo, Carmen A. Trutanich, Mike Feuer, and Hydee Feldstein Soto; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, Assistant City Attorney Julie San Juan will retire following 30 years of exemplary service, leaving an enduring legacy of leadership, integrity, and dedication to the fair and impartial administration of justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes and commends ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JULIE SAN JUAN for her distinguished career, her steadfast commitment to the pursuit of justice, and her exemplary leadership, and extends its sincere gratitude and best wishes for a rewarding and well-deserved retirement.

PRESENTED BY: _____

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TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____




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