



# PROCLAMATION

## Andy Yuen

**WHEREAS**, the City of Imperial Beach proudly recognizes Andy Yuen, for his distinguished career of over 40 years with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, including more than 20 years as the Project Leader for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Yuen has dedicated his career to the protection and conservation of natural and cultural resources in Southern California, playing a pivotal role in leading major wetland restoration projects throughout San Diego Bay and the Tijuana Estuary; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Yuen was instrumental in the partnership that created the South San Diego Bay Unit of the National Wildlife Refuge and the ongoing management and stewardship of the Tijuana Sough National Wildlife Refuge; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Yuen has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to enhancing public access to natural spaces, spearheading projects that have expanded coastal trails, wildlife viewing areas, and public lands maintenance, ensuring that the community can enjoy and appreciate these vital natural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Yuen has been a steadfast and reliable partner to the City of Imperial Beach, going above and beyond to assist with permitting, interagency coordination, and environmental planning for critical city projects. His invaluable support has facilitated the City's annual storm drain maintenance, bikeway weed abatement, homeless outreach efforts, and emergency response during extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Yuen played a key role in the Bayshore Bikeway Birding and Walking Trail, the Imperial Beach Boulevard Tijuana Estuary Boardwalk, and has been instrumental in the City's response to the Tijuana River pollution crisis. Notably, his dedication was essential in navigating the complex permitting, environmental review, and entitlement process for the Bayshore Bikeway Resiliency Project, a critical initiative that will have lasting benefits for the region. Additionally, his support was pivotal in advancing the Port of San Diego's Pond 20 restoration project, further demonstrating his commitment to ecological restoration and community enhancement; and

**WHEREAS**, his leadership and dedication have left an enduring legacy that will benefit the Imperial Beach community and future generations, ensuring continued progress in conservation, environmental restoration, and public access to natural spaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, together with the City Council, take great pleasure in honoring and recognizing Andy Yuen for his unparalleled dedication to protect and conserve the cultural and natural resources and wish him the best in all his future endeavors and proclaim February 19, 2025 as Andy Yuen Day in the City of Imperial Beach.

Dated: February 19, 2025

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Paloma Aguirre, Mayor