

[Celebrating Diwali - October 20, 2025]

Resolution celebrating Diwali on October 20, 2025, in the City and County of San Francisco and honoring the South Asian community for its enduring contributions to the City and reaffirms its commitment to promoting equity, inclusion, and cultural celebration for all San Franciscans.

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known by its many names including Deepavali, Dipawali, Tihar, Bandhi Chhor Divas, and Kartik Purnima, is one the most sacred and joyous festivals celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and others; and

WHEREAS, Diwali symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and knowledge over ignorance; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated by millions of people across the world, including thousands of San Franciscans of South Asian descent, with vibrant traditions such as lighting diyas (lamps), decorating homes, sharing sweets, and gathering with family and community; and

WHEREAS, The festival of Diwali promotes universal values of peace, prosperity, and the triumph of hope, and serves as a time for reflection, renewal, and unity; and

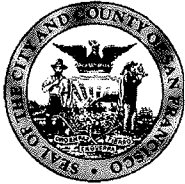
WHEREAS, Parivar Bay Area, founded in 2019, has become a leader in South Asian cultural preservation and community engagement, hosting cultural gatherings, performances, and programs that celebrate the South Asian diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Assembly Bill 268 (Kalra) into law, designating Diwali as an official state holiday and affirming the festival's significance to millions of Californians and its role as a day of cultural pride, reflection, and unity; and

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of
2 fostering inclusivity, cultural understanding, and respect for the diverse traditions that make
3 the City vibrant and strong; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 hereby celebrates Diwali on October 20, 2025 and extends warm wishes for a joyful and
6 prosperous festival to all who observe it; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board honors the South Asian community for its
8 enduring contributions to the City and reaffirms its commitment to promoting equity, inclusion,
9 and cultural celebration for all San Franciscans.



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October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/21/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

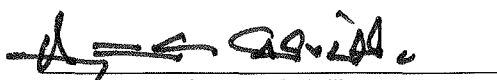
Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10/31/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/31/2025

Date