

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Nathan Fletcher

HONORING ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted Live Well San Diego to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego vision is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veterans' organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal Church was established in 1923 in North Park, becoming known over the following decades for its service to others and focus on justice and healing; and

WHEREAS, over the past 15 years, St. Luke's Episcopal Church has served as one of the primary cultural centers for South Sudanese- and Congolese-Americans in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal Church provides space for organizations to give services to people experiencing homelessness and an outdoor gardening area for youth; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal Church raised over \$300,000 to build a commercial kitchen to support the International Rescue Committee's culinary arts job training program for refugee women; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal Church's Sumitra San Diego Program supports refugees who recently arrived in San Diego after their flight from violence and persecution by mentoring, making social connections and providing emotional support; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal Church is committed to continuing to advance Live Well San Diego into the future, and is embracing this vision by collaborating with Live Well San Diego champions and community partners to achieve the greatest collective impact and fostering safe, healthy and thriving communities; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 28th day of April 2019 that they commend ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH for its outstanding commitment to the health and wellness of County residents and do hereby declare this day to be "ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY" throughout San Diego County.

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