

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **316190**DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE **MAY 07 2025**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO RESCINDING THE ADOPTION OF THE
CARNATION AS THE OFFICIAL FLOWER AND
DESIGNATING THE BLUE-EYED GRASS, A NATIVE
FLOWER, AS THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The City of San Diego (City) has taken steps in recent years to promote native habitat and biodiversity through its designation as a Bee city, the monarch pledge by the Mayor, the Biodiverse SD program, and other City programs that protect native habitat.

B. Native flowers play an important role in the local ecosystem. They feed and shelter local wildlife, including bees, butterflies, and birds. Native flowers are adapted to the environment of the region, requiring less water and care to thrive. Native flora preserve the cultural connection to the region's history and indigenous traditions.

C. On April 28, 1964, by San Diego Resolution R-179723 (May 12, 1964), the City adopted the carnation as the official flower of the City.

D. San Diego Bird Alliance, and its coalition, seek to replace the carnation with a native flower that reflects the importance of the natural environment and promotes the preservation of indigenous flora and fauna.

E. On February 19, 2025, the San Diego Bird Alliance presented to the Rules Committee the following criteria developed by the stakeholder working group for the adoption of an official native flower: environmental benefits; cultural significance; accessibility; native to the

County of San Diego; not listed as an endangered, threatened, or rare species; and beautiful and able to be artistically or graphically represented.

F. Based on the criteria, eight native flowers were identified for further consideration as the official flower of the City: bladderpod, black sage, blue elderberry, blue-eyed grass, bush sunflower, Cleveland sage, California buckwheat, and the California wild rose.

G. From approximately March 17, 2025, through April 16, 2025, San Diego Bird Alliance conducted a public vote on the eight native flowers to recommend to the Council a final species which represents the City's unique habitats, rich cultural history, and amazing biodiversity.

H. As result of the public voting process, San Diego Bird Alliance is recommending the blue-eyed grass, the winner of the public voting process.

I. The blue-eyed grass is in the iris family, one of only two irises native to the region, and not actually grass. The blue-eyed grass works well at the edge of landscaped areas, is a fire-resistant plant, and uses a corm to store resources underground. The word for its genus: *Sisyrinchium*, is derived from the way the corm looks like a shaggy goat (*sisýra* in Greek). The Blue-eyed grass uses a modified stem, called a corm, to store resources, similar to saffron, taro, and Chinese water chestnuts. It uses these root reserves to revive during the rainy season, going dormant in the dry summer months. Blue-eyed grass can on occasion grow purple flowers and, although rarely, white flowers. The blue-eyed grass has historical connections to the original people of the region.

J. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

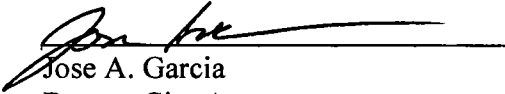
ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council rescinds its action taken on April 28, 1964, by Resolution R-179723, adopting the carnation as the official flower of the City.

2. The Council designates the blue-eyed grass, a native flower, as the official flower of the City.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
Jose A. Garcia
Deputy City Attorney

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April 7, 2025
Or.Dept: Council District 1
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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
APR 22 2025.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5/7/25
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on APR 22 2025, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage MAY 07 2025.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Linda Brown* Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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