

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGTON BEACH DECLARING MAY 7, 2026
AS "THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAY"
IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

WHEREAS, May 7th marks the anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's first visit to California in 1903 during his well-known nine-week "Great Loop" tour which was one of the most memorable presidential journeys in American History; and

The year 1903 is also notable for several milestones in American history, including the Wright Brothers' first flight, the first World Series, and the introduction of the teddy bear, named after Roosevelt; and

In the same month in 1903, Henry Huntington purchased Pacific City, which eventually became Huntington Beach. This shared timing creates a strong historical link between Roosevelt's visit and the City's founding; and

During his 1903 trip, Roosevelt spent three days camping in Yosemite with naturalist John Muir. That experience helped shape his commitment to conservation and the protection of public lands; and

The story of Yosemite's preservation goes back to Abraham Lincoln in 1864, influenced by photographer Carleton Watkins. Watkins had ties to Collis Huntington, whose railroad was later passed onto Henry Huntington. These connections highlight how local and national history are closely linked.; and

In the 1930s, the Pacific Coast Highway running through Huntington Beach was named Roosevelt Highway in his honor. Designating May 7, 2026 as Theodore Roosevelt Day would help reconnect with that history and encourage continued appreciation for conservation and environmental stewardship; and

Recognizing this date would honor Roosevelt's legacy while also tying into the celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

To recognize a day of celebration and honor the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the City Council desires to establish May 7, 2026 as "Theodore Roosevelt Day" in the City of Huntington Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. May 7, 2026 is hereby declared to be "Theodore Roosevelt Day" in the City of Huntington Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

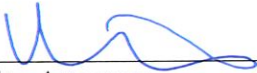
INITIATED AND APPROVED:

Mayor, Casey McKeon

City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem, Butch Twining

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Councilman, Don Kennedy

Councilwoman, Gracey Larrea-Van Der Mark

Councilman, Pat Burns

Councilman, Chad Williams

Councilman, Andrew Gruel