

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGTON BEACH DECLARING EACH FEBRUARY 22ND AS “USA HOCKEY DAY”
IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

WHEREAS, ice hockey has long been a sport that unites communities across the United States, inspiring teamwork, perseverance, and national pride among players and fans of all ages; and

The United States has achieved historic success in international ice hockey competition, demonstrating excellence and resilience on the world stage; and

The United States Women’s National Ice Hockey Team has won three Olympic gold medals since women’s hockey debuted at the Winter Olympic Games in 1998, capturing a gold in Nagano (1998) PyeongChang (2018), and Milano Cortina (2026); and

The United States Men’s National Ice Hockey Team has won three Olympic gold medals, including its historic victory in 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Games; and

The February 22, 2026 Olympic gold medal victory by the United States Men’s Team ended a 46-year gold medal drought since the legendary February 22, 1980 “Miracle on Ice,” when the United States defeated the heavily favored Soviet Union and went on to win Olympic gold; and

The date of February 22 now stands as a historic day in United States hockey history, marking both the 1980 Miracle on Ice legacy and the 2026 Olympic gold medal victory; and

The 2026 Winter Olympic hockey tournaments featured extraordinary performances by both United States teams, including dramatic overtime “golden goal” victories over Canada – by the women’s team on February 19, 2026, and the men’s team on February 22, 2026; and

These achievements represent the dedication of athletes, coaches, families, youth leagues, and community programs that support the growth of hockey across the United States; and

Youth and amateur hockey programs throughout the nation foster leadership, discipline, sportsmanship, and healthy activity for young people; and

Communities across the country celebrate the contributions of local hockey players, coaches, volunteers, and fans who strengthen the sport at every level; and

Recognizing a national day of celebration will honor the legacy of American hockey achievements and inspire future generations of player; and

To recognize a national day of celebration will honor the legacy of American hockey achievements and inspire future generations of players., the City Council desires to establish February 22nd as "USA Hockey 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. February 22nd of each year is hereby declared to be "USA Hockey 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:

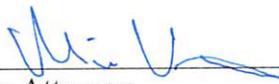
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City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem, Butch Twining

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Councilwoman, Gracey Larrea-Van Der Mark

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Councilman, Andrew Gruel