

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> AS “KWANZAA” IN THE CITY OF POMONA**

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2019, an official proclamation was made in the City of Pomona affirming the cultural significance, community value, and enduring legacy of Kwanzaa, recognizing it as a time for reflection, unity, and the upliftment of African American heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, this proclamation continues to stand as a guiding acknowledgment of the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa - known in Swahili as Nguzo Saba - as foundational values that strengthen families, empower communities, and honor the rich traditions of the African diaspora;

- Umoja | Unity
- Kujichagulia | Self Determination
- Ujima | Collective Work & Responsibility
- Ujamaa | Cooperative Economics
- Nia | Purpose
- Kuumba | Creativity
- Imani | Faith

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Kwanzaa provides an opportunity for people of African heritage - regardless of religious background or faith - to come together in reverence for a Creator and creation, to commemorate the past, to recommit to high ideals, and to celebrate life; and highlights our rich African-American heritage through the Nguzo Saba, created from specific African traditions as a Black value system needed to reconstruct African-American history, strengthen and build community, and wage the successful struggle for liberation while making a unique contribution to the forward flow of human history; and

**WHEREAS**, the seven Nguzo Saba are foundational pillars of support for our community, benefiting us all and celebrated worldwide throughout the African diaspora. During this season and throughout the year, we are called to live these principles in our daily lives. We invite Pomonans to join us in celebrating Kwanzaa and reflecting on each of the seven principles, which uplift unity in our families and community, deepen self-awareness and faith, and strengthen our shared responsibility to the future of our people and our culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA** does hereby proclaim the week of:

December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>

as

**“KWANZAA”**

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025