



Proclamation

CINDY MONTAÑEZ DAY January 19, 2026

WHEREAS, Cindy Montañez has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, dedication, and service to the City of San Fernando, the state of California, and beyond through her lifelong commitment to education, advocacy, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, as a trailblazer in advancing Chicano studies, Cindy Montañez was instrumental in the establishment of the César E. Chávez Center for Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA, fostering cultural pride, awareness, and academic excellence among countless students; and


WHEREAS, Cindy Montañez has been a passionate advocate for environmental sustainability, climate change initiatives, and social justice, including her tenure as the youngest Latina elected to the California State Legislature, where she championed transformative policies such as the "Car Buyer's Bill of Rights" and legislation to protect children and the environment; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable achievements include leading the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's transition to cleaner energy, serving as the first Latina CEO of an environmental nonprofit, TreePeople, and spearheading the development of the Pacoima Wash Natural Park and other green spaces; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Montañez's visionary leadership has elevated the City of San Fernando, inspired change across California, and left an enduring legacy of justice, equity, and community empowerment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 19, 2026, AS CINDY MONTAÑEZ DAY in the City of San Fernando and in recognition of her extraordinary contributions and profound impact.




JOEL FAJARDO
MAYOR


VICTORIA GARCIA
VICE MAYOR


MARY MENDOZA
COUNCILMEMBER


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PATTY LÓPEZ
COUNCILMEMBER

January 5, 2026

THE CITY OF
SAN FERNANDO