



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

**SOUTH GATE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8650 CALIFORNIA AVE
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280**

**DIAL-IN-NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833
MEETING ID: 879 7254 4029
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Call to Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER: Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor
ROLL CALL: Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

City Officials

MAYOR
Maria del Pilar Avalos

CITY CLERK
Yodit Glaze

VICE MAYOR
Gil Hurtado

CITY TREASURER
Jose De La Paz

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Maria Davila
Joshua Barron
Al Rios

CITY MANAGER
Chris Jeffers

CITY ATTORNEY
Raul F. Salinas

Meeting Schedule

The regular meetings of the City Council are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, closed session business will usually commence at 5:30 p.m., when scheduled, and general business session will commence at 6:30 p.m.

Brown Act

Agendas are drafted to accurately state what the legislative body is being asked to consider. The legislative body can take action on "all items" listed on the agenda and be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Under the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The governing body may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future meeting.

City's Vision Statement

We envision a thriving, safe and inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to access exceptional services, education and support to be resilient and live full, vibrant lives.

Public Communications

Public Comments on agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. All comments are to be addressed directly to the Agency Members not to the members of the public.

Meeting Compensation Disclosure

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3: Disclosure of compensation for meeting attendance by City Council Members is \$790 monthly regardless of the amount of meetings.

Open Session Agenda

1. Certificates of Recognition to various individuals for completing the Citizens Police Academy

The City Council will issue Certificates of Appreciation to the South Gate Police Department's Citizen Academy. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 05092023.pdf](#)

2. Proclamation declaring May as Wellness and Mental Health Awareness Month

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring May 2023, as Wellness and Mental Health Awareness Month. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 05092023.pdf](#)

3. Proclamation declaring National Teacher Appreciation Day and Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring May 9, 2023, as National Teacher Appreciation Day, and May 7 - 13, 2023, as National Teacher Appreciation Week. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 05092023.pdf](#)

4. Proclamation declaring May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week. (PW)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 05092023.pdf](#)

5. Proclamation declaring May 15 - 21, 2023 as National Police Week and presentation of Plaque honoring Police Officers killed or wounded in action to the Police Chief

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the week of May 15 - 21, 2023, as National Police Week. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 5 Report 05092023.pdf](#)

Closed Session: (ATTY)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)

- a. NR Development v. City of South Gate
- b. Gabriela Perez Negrete v. City of South Gate
- c. Deonesia Abreau, Latoya Simpson, and Sanaa Ellis v. City of South Gate
- d. Erich Hellebrandt v. City of South Gate

Documents:

[Special Meeting 05092023.pdf](#)

2. CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

- a. City Manager

Special Meeting Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on May 4, 2023, at 10:45 a.m., as required by law.

Yodit Glaze
City Clerk

GENERAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Council adopted new rules relating to the conduct of the public meetings, proceedings, and business in the City of South Gate on July 12, 2022, (Resolution 2022-38-CC) and go into effect on August 1, 2022. Resolution #2022-38-CC is available at the City Clerk's Office.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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The Public can sign up to receive automatic notices of postings of agendas for the City Council or any other Commission or Board of the City of South Gate. Visit the City webpage and click on the Agenda & Minutes icon. That will take you the page where an individual can enter their email in the "Email Updates" box to register.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

Any person may request to address a legislative body during a public meeting. The Presiding Officer will call upon those present in the Council Chambers first. After all speakers in the Chambers have spoken, the Presiding Officer will call upon those participating via zoom or teleconference.

Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on any item listed on the agenda, including public hearings. Under Comments from the Audience portion, speakers are also limited to a single three (3) minutes time limit. Comments from the Audience is initially limited to 45 minutes at each meeting. Any speaker still wishing to speak, that did not speak, will have an addition Comments from the Audience opportunity after the last business item is finished. The Presiding Officer may extend the time limit as long as there is no objection from the City Council as a body.

To ensure that the public is able to participate, the City provides the opportunity to submit their comments in person, virtually, email, phone call, mail and any other method which may become available. Methods of participation may be subject to change during other such times when a State of Emergency, Health Order or State Executive Order limits in-person participation.

CURFEW

In absence of a motion duly adopted by majority vote of the City Council, the Presiding Officer may adjourn the City Council meetings at 10:30 p.m. The Presiding Officer may ask the City Council if any agenda items listed should be continued or dealt with during the meeting. For those items to be continued, the City Council can direct the item be placed on the next City Council agenda or the current meeting may be adjourned to a time certain at which time the meeting shall be reconvened as an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council and action upon the published agenda continued.

STAFF REPORTS

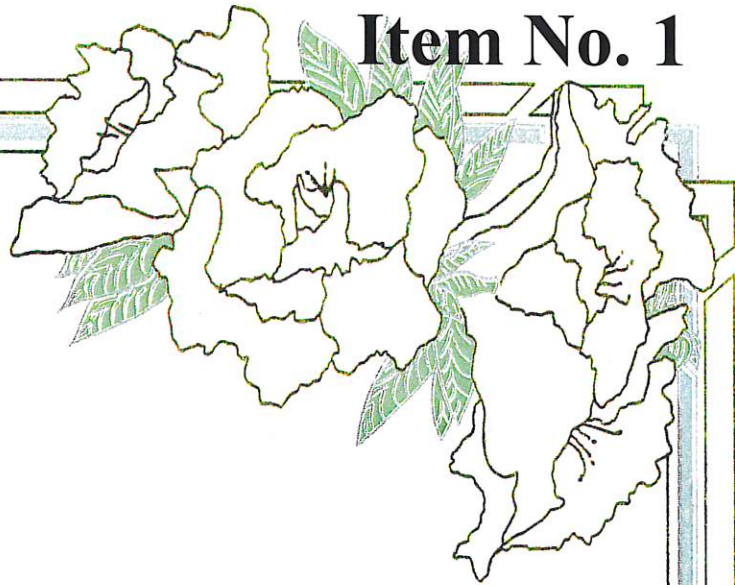
As a general rule, staff reports. or other written documentation are prepared/organized with respect to each item of business listed on the agenda. Meeting agendas and staff reports are available at least 72-hours prior to the scheduled regular City Council meeting and a minimum of 24-hours prior to a Special City Council meeting. There are times when the City Council receives written material. revised material after the posting of agendas, these materials are become a public record and will be available for public view within 72-hours after the meeting in which they were received. Those materials and any other public

document can be inspected in the City Clerk's Office located at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City
Council on Behalf of the Citizens of
South Gate to:

Karla Arreola

In recognition of your graduation from the South Gate
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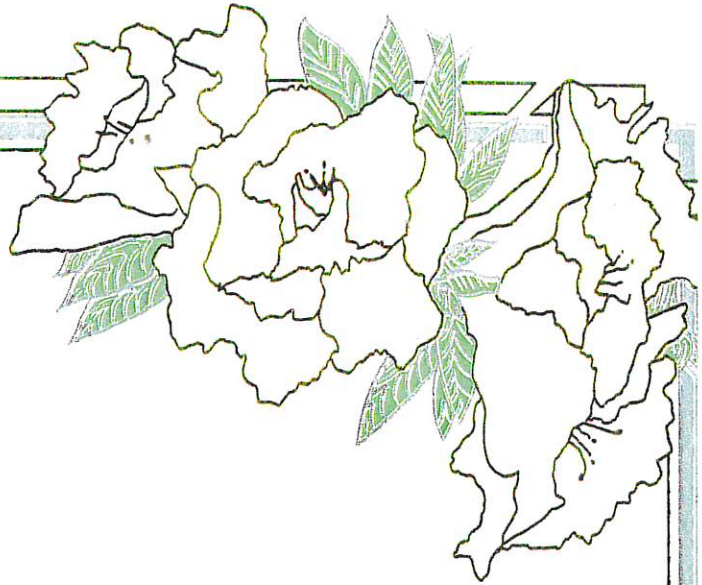
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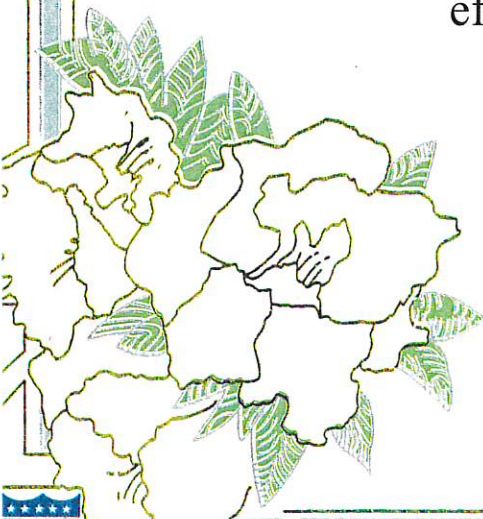
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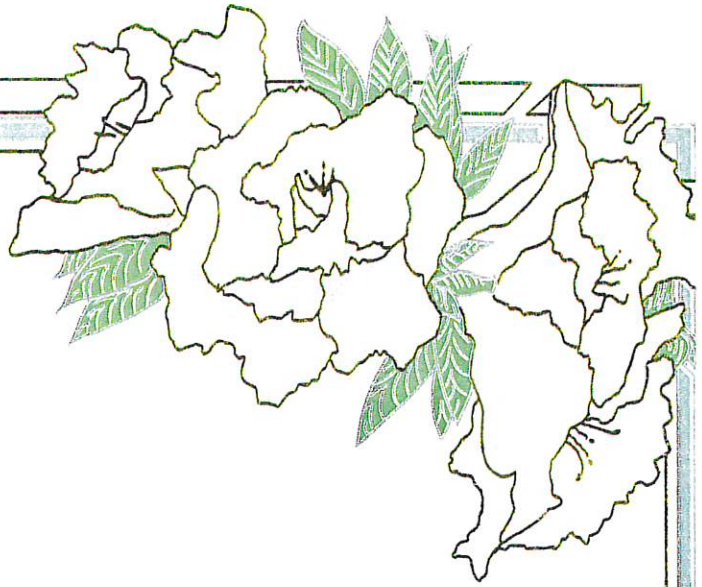
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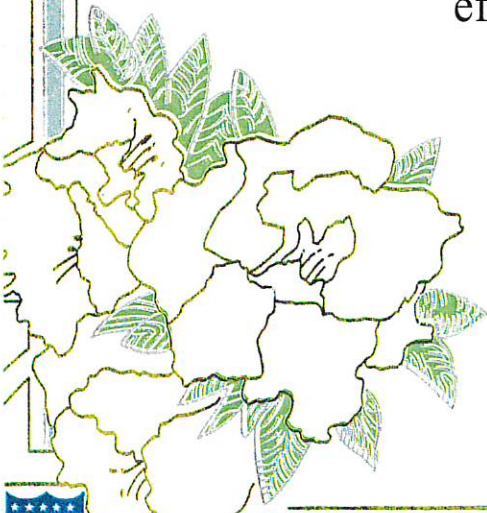
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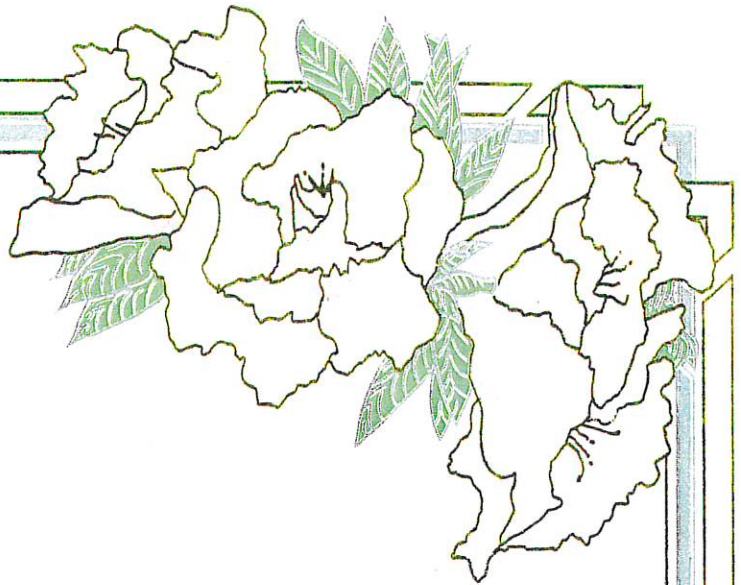
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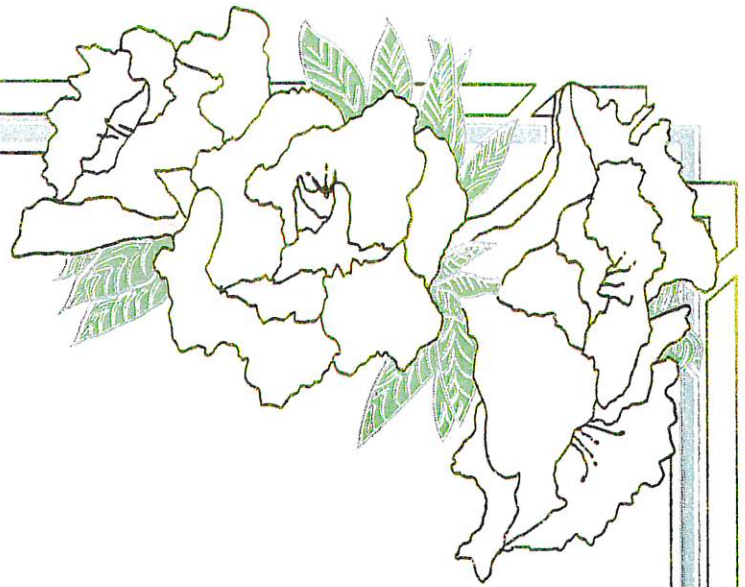
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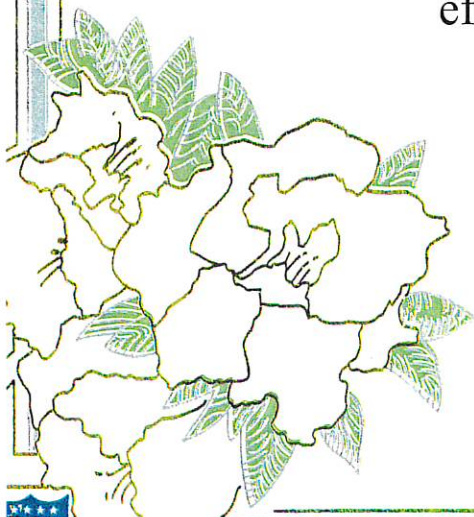
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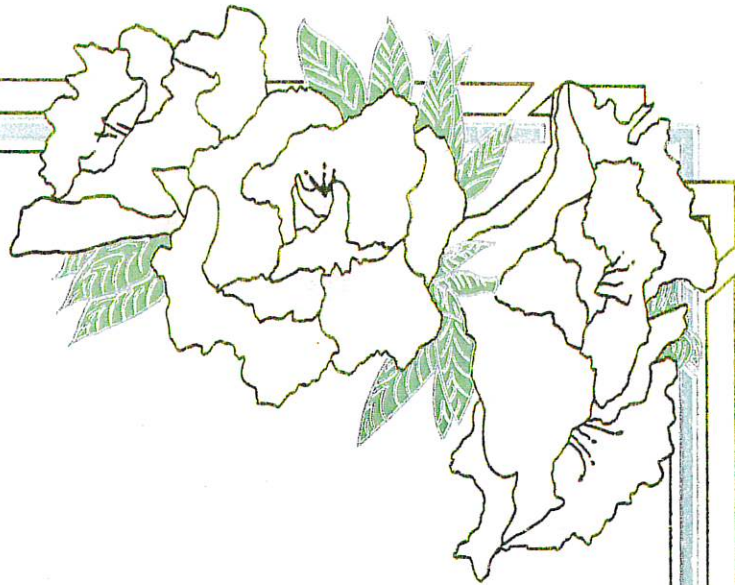
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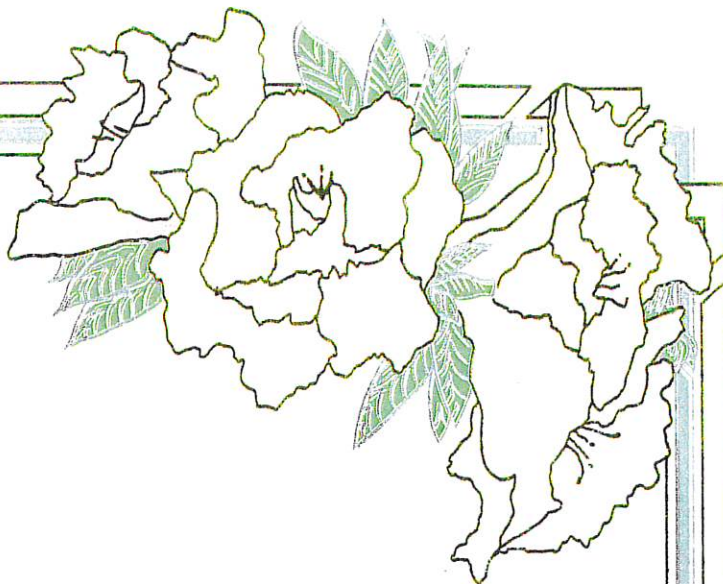
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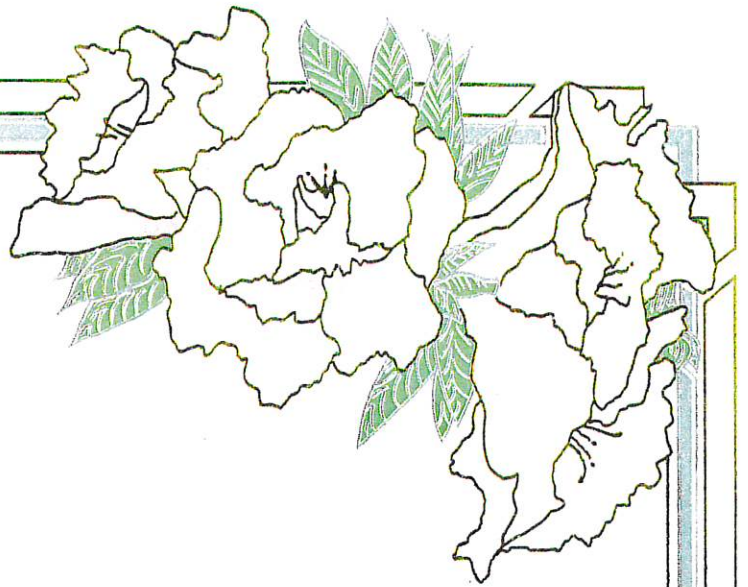
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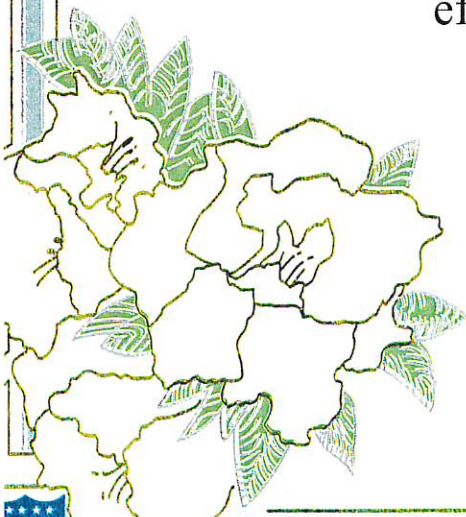
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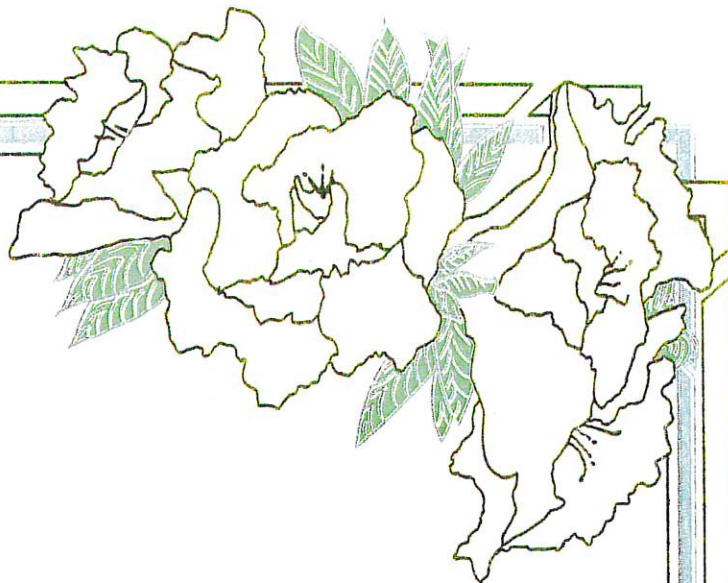
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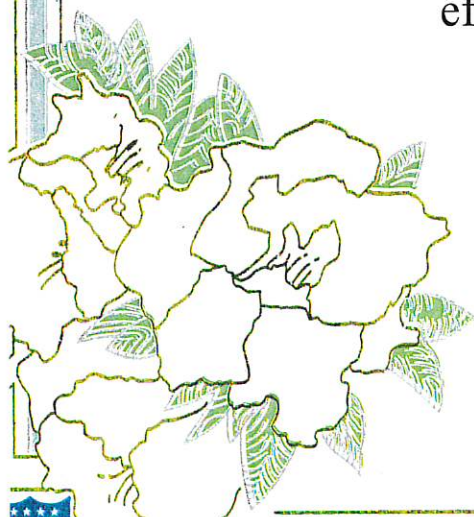
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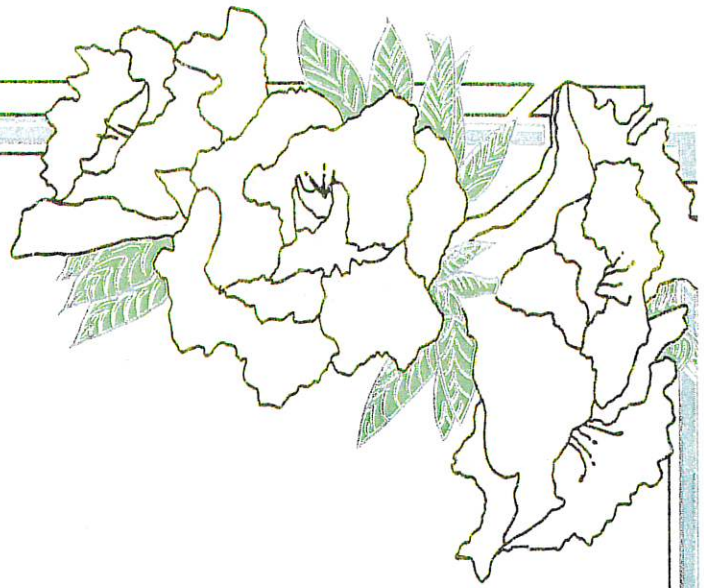
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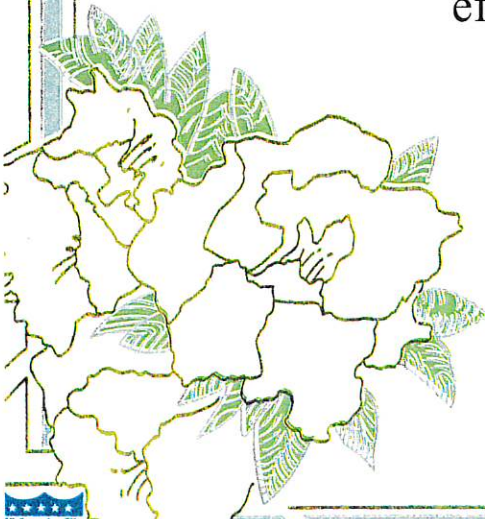
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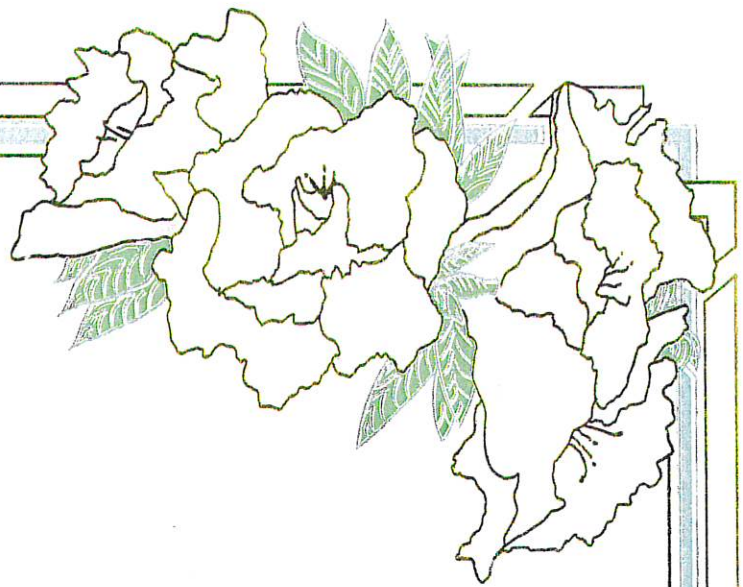
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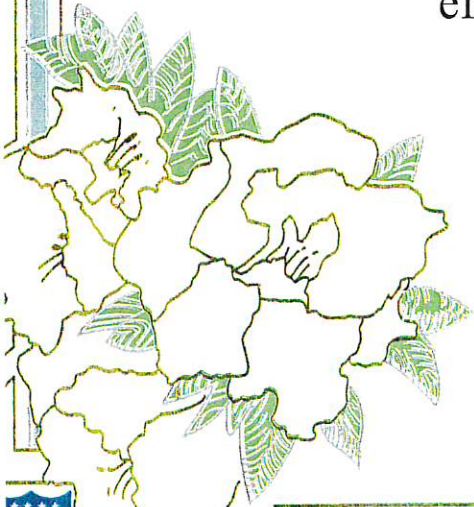
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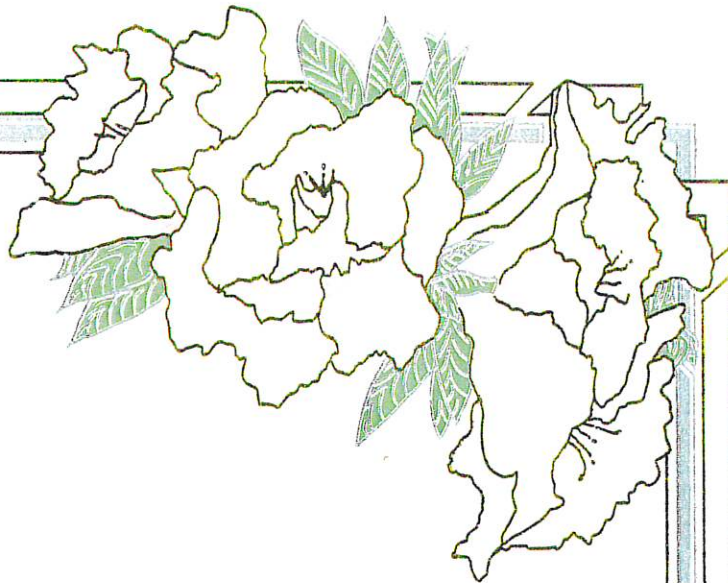
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Wendy Rosales

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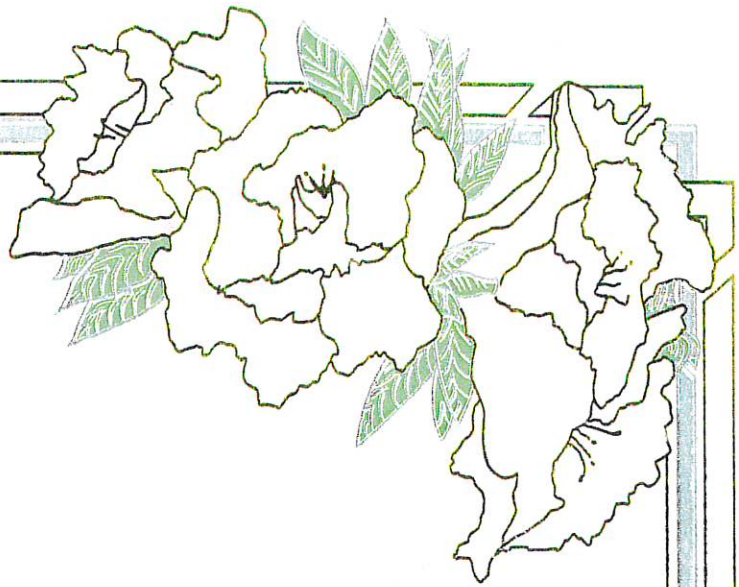
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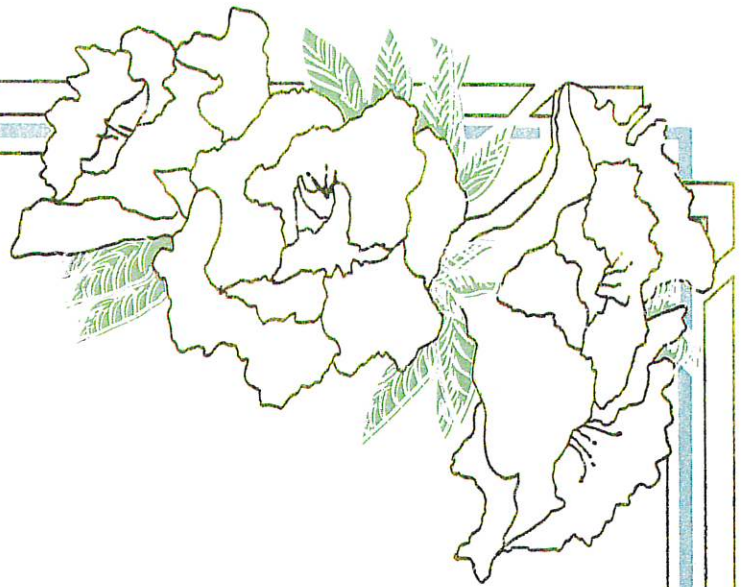
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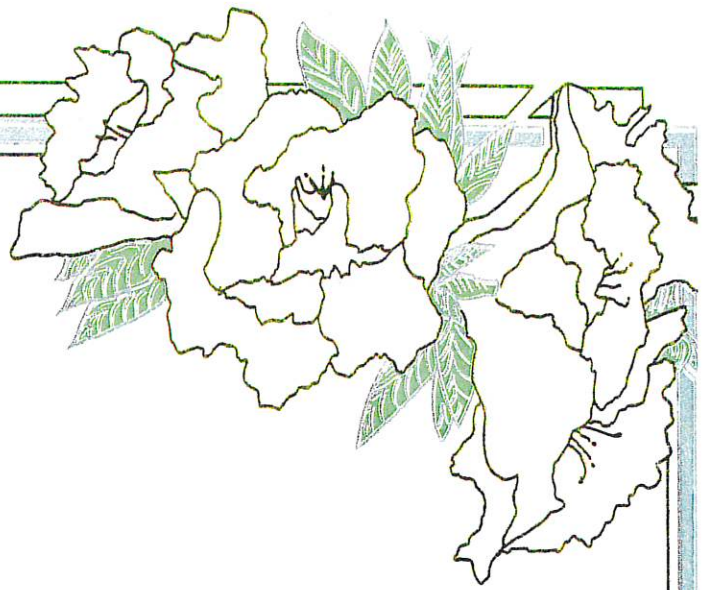
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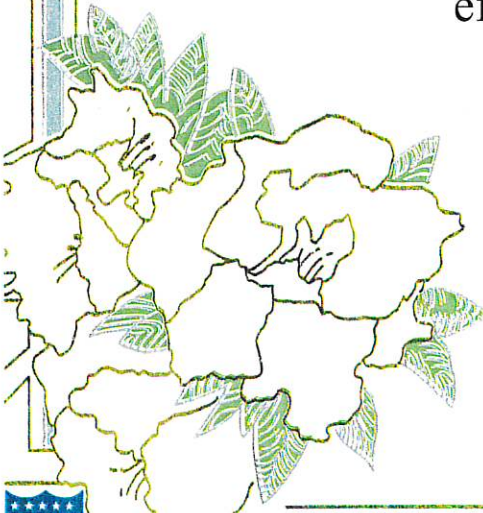
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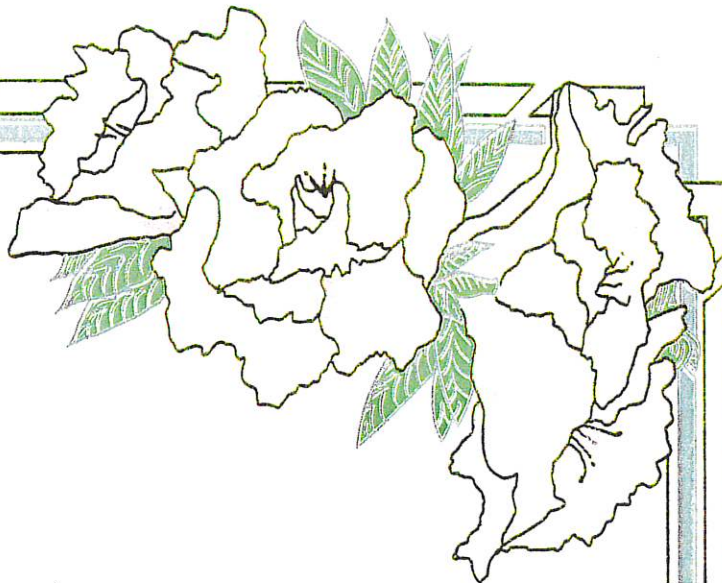
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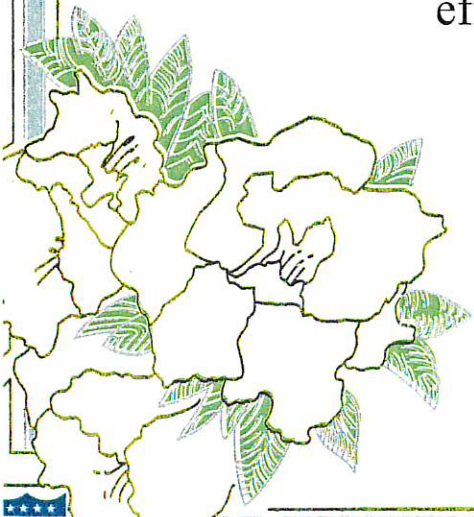
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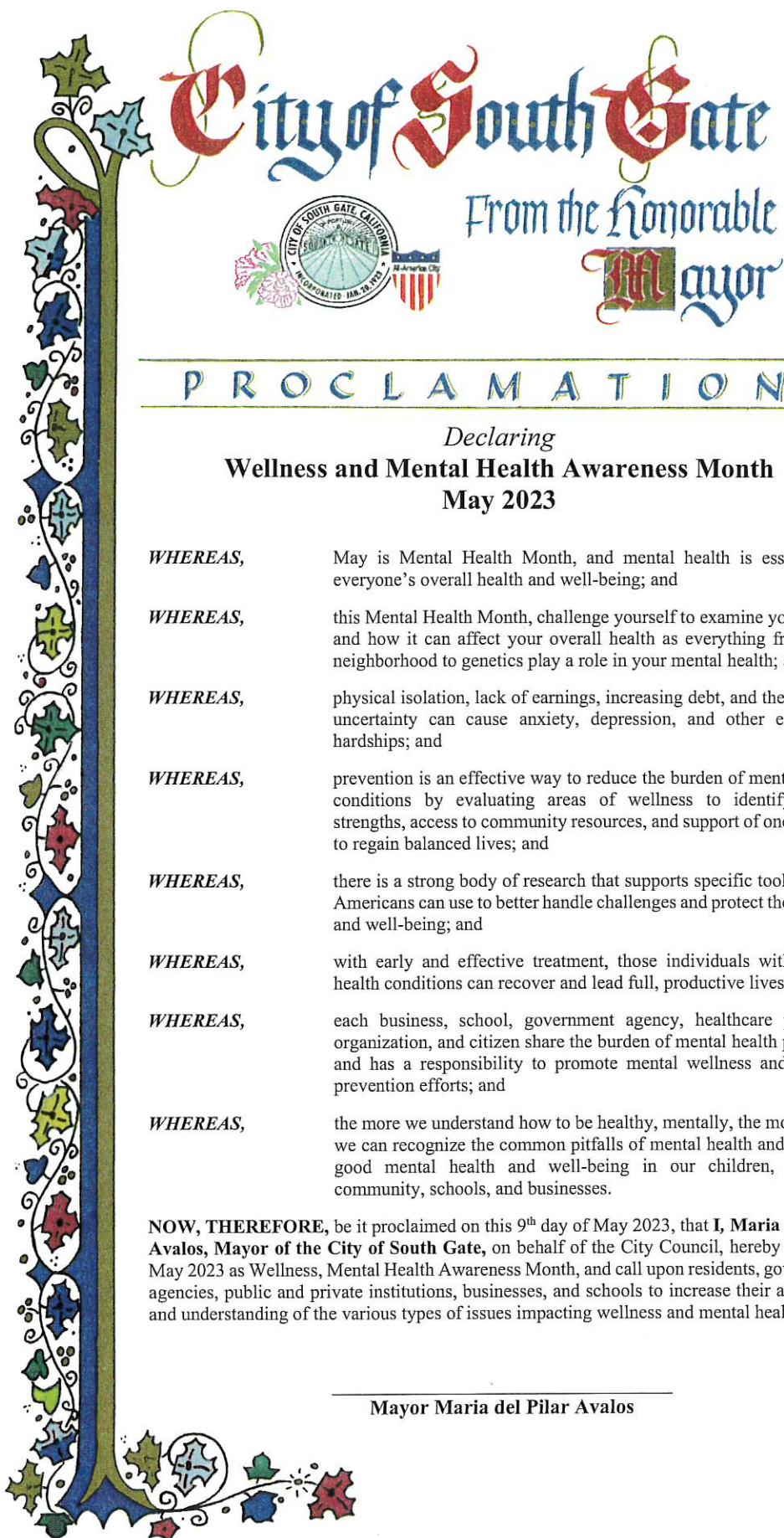
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From the Honorable
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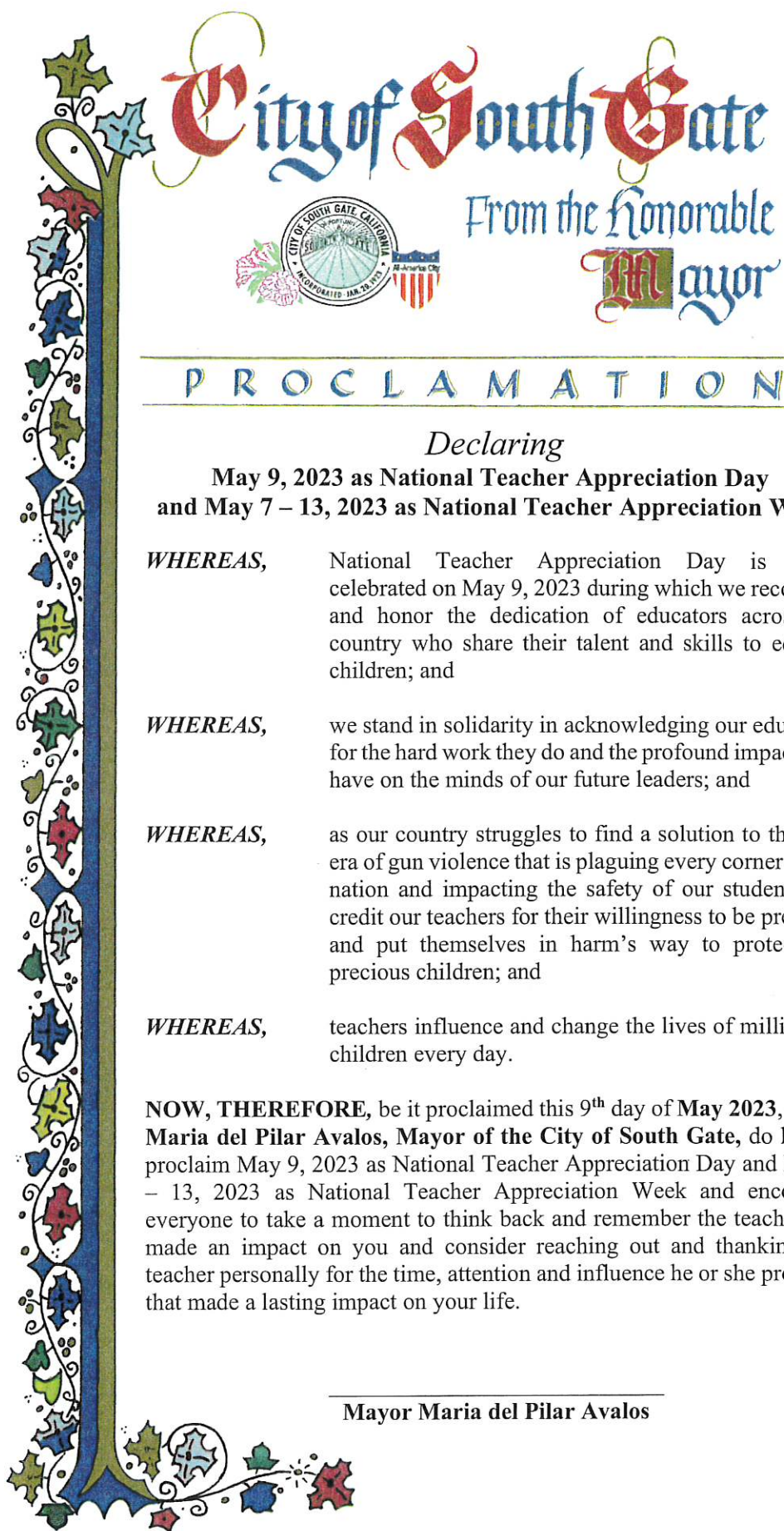
PROCLAMATION

Declaring **Wellness and Mental Health Awareness Month** **May 2023**

- WHEREAS,* May is Mental Health Month, and mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,* this Mental Health Month, challenge yourself to examine your world and how it can affect your overall health as everything from your neighborhood to genetics play a role in your mental health; and
- WHEREAS,* physical isolation, lack of earnings, increasing debt, and the sense of uncertainty can cause anxiety, depression, and other emotional hardships; and
- WHEREAS,* prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions by evaluating areas of wellness to identify innate strengths, access to community resources, and support of one another to regain balanced lives; and
- WHEREAS,* there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges and protect their health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,* with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,* each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization, and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and
- WHEREAS,* the more we understand how to be healthy, mentally, the more easily we can recognize the common pitfalls of mental health and promote good mental health and well-being in our children, families, community, schools, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 9th day of May 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council, hereby proclaim May 2023 as Wellness, Mental Health Awareness Month, and call upon residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to increase their awareness and understanding of the various types of issues impacting wellness and mental health.

Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos



City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring

**May 9, 2023 as National Teacher Appreciation Day
and May 7 – 13, 2023 as National Teacher Appreciation Week**

WHEREAS, National Teacher Appreciation Day is being celebrated on May 9, 2023 during which we recognize and honor the dedication of educators across the country who share their talent and skills to educate children; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity in acknowledging our educators for the hard work they do and the profound impact they have on the minds of our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, as our country struggles to find a solution to the new era of gun violence that is plaguing every corner of our nation and impacting the safety of our students, we credit our teachers for their willingness to be prepared and put themselves in harm's way to protect our precious children; and

WHEREAS, teachers influence and change the lives of millions of children every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed this 9th day of May 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** do hereby proclaim May 9, 2023 as National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 7 – 13, 2023 as National Teacher Appreciation Week and encourage everyone to take a moment to think back and remember the teacher that made an impact on you and consider reaching out and thanking that teacher personally for the time, attention and influence he or she provided that made a lasting impact on your life.

Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos

City of South Gate



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PROCLAMATION

Declaring
National Public Works Week
May 21- 27, 2023

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of South Gate; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in South Gate to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 63rd Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 9th day of May 2023 that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week. I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to recognize the contributions that Public Works staff make every day to improve our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
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PROCLAMATION

Declaring

National Police Week

May 15 through May 21, 2023

- WHEREAS,** National Police Week occurs every May with events, ceremonies and candlelight vigils honoring the fallen officers; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police week which pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and
- WHEREAS,** for generations, courageous men and women of our law enforcement community have dedicated their lives to protecting our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** each morning, police officers pin on their shield and walk out the door to go to work, hoping they will come home safely; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of South Gate collaboratively joins the effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community and duly express our gratitude for these selfless public servants who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe and honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed this 9th day of **May 2023**, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2023 as National Police Week and call upon all members of the South Gate community to salute our City's brave law enforcement officers and remember their peace officer brothers and sisters who have given their last full measure of devotion in the line of duty.

Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Jeffers, City Manager

FROM: Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney *RS*

DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2023**

The following items should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on May 9, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)
 - a. NR Development v. City of South Gate
 - b. Gabriela Perez Negrete v. City of South Gate
 - c. Deonesia Abreau, Latoya Simpson, and Sanaa Ellis v. City of South Gate
 - d. Erich Hellebrandt v. City of South Gate

2. **CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
 - a. City Manager

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office immediately.