



# Proclamation



WHEREAS, mock trial is a rigorous, performance-based academic competition in which high school students assume the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and court staff to analyze and present a hypothetical criminal case in a simulated courtroom setting; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition, established in 2006, brings together teams from across the region to compete in multiple rounds of trial advocacy at the San Diego Superior Court, with real state and federal judges presiding; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, approximately 850 students representing 40 high schools and 42 teams throughout San Diego County competed in this prestigious academic tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater High School Mock Trial Team demonstrated exceptional dedication, resilience, analytical skill, and teamwork, winning all four preliminary rounds of competition and advancing to the semi-final round as one of the top four teams in the entire county; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is especially significant given the team's transition to new leadership, the loss of valued mentors, and the challenge of preparing a largely new group of students within a shortened competition timeline; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater High School's advancement to the top four marks a historic accomplishment for South Bay schools, reflecting academic excellence, perseverance, and a commitment to higher education and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the success of the program is made possible through the dedication of its volunteer educators and attorney coaches, including Teacher Sponsor Janet Amezcua; Teacher Emeritus Robert Alcock III; and Attorney Coaches Corina Pandeli, Jerry Gonzales, Anthony Mournian, and Carlos Ruan, whose mentorship provides invaluable guidance and inspiration to students; and

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater High School Mock Trial Team has represented both Sweetwater High School and the City of National City with distinction, integrity, and pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, do hereby, on behalf of the City Council, proclaim March 17, 2026 as:

## **SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM**

for their outstanding achievement in advancing to the semi-finals of the 2026 San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition, and congratulate the students, teachers, and coaches for their remarkable accomplishment and dedication to academic excellence.

Ron Morrison  
MAYOR

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Vice-Mayor

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