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Proclaiming May 9, 2024, as European Union American Friendship Day in Los

Angeles County

European Union American Friendship Day, also known as Europe Day, is celebrated every year on May 9th, commemorating the anniversary of the 1950 Schuman Declaration – the first step toward the creation of what is now the European Union of 27 European Countries. This date is also celebrated in the United States which has supported the process of European integration since 1953 when our country first established diplomatic relations with the European Union in its original form.

The Consulates General of the member States of the European Union (EU) in Los Angeles County serve as a vital bridge between the EU and the US helping to foster cultural, commercial, and people to people connections between our two regions. For these reasons its appropriate to proclaim May 9, 2024, as Europe Day in Los Angeles County to acknowledge the positive contributions to our region from the links to the European Union and form the many Europeans who now call Los Angeles home.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

Proclaim May 9, 2024, as European Union American Friendship Day in the County of Los Angeles, honoring Europe Day, and encourage residents and community members

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to join in celebration to deepen our bilateral relation, and approve the attached proclamation.

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European Union-American Friendship Day

WHEREAS, Europe Day is held every year on May 9 in the United States, commemorating the anniversary of the 1950 'Schuman Declaration'—the first step toward the creation of what is now the European Union of 27 European countries;

WHEREAS, the United States has supported the process of European integration since 1953 when it first established diplomatic relations with the European Union in its original form;

WHEREAS, ties between the European Union and the United States are founded on shared values of democracy, rule of law, human rights, and equality;

WHEREAS, the United States has always seen a strong, prosperous and peaceful Europe as fundamentally in its interest;

WHEREAS, the Consulates General of the Member States of the European Union in Los Angeles serve as a vital bridge between the EU and the U.S., helping to foster cultural, commercial, and people-to-people connections between our two regions;

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles acknowledges the positive contribution to our region from links to the European Union and from Europeans who now call Los Angeles home; and

WHEREAS, the European Union and the United States today stand side by side as friends and strategic partners on the international stage in the defense of our shared values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims May 9, 2024, as European Union-American Friendship Day in the County of Los Angeles, honors Europe Day, and encourages residents and community members to join in celebration and deepen our bilateral relation.