



# Proclamation

## MASSOUD DAY

September 9, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster honors the sacrifices of the late Ahmad Shad Massoud in protecting and defending the people of Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud, known as the “Afghan Napoleon” and the “Lion of Panjshir,” was a founding father of the resistance against the Soviet invasion in the 1980s and then against the Taliban and al-Qaeda in the 1990s; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud is recognized as a legendary guerilla leader and the anti-Communist and anti-terrorist resistance leader for his major contributions towards securing an independent Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud’s unrivaled devotion to his people and country allow his legacy to live on after he was assassinated by al-Qaeda two days prior to 9/11; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud’s aspiration for a free Afghanistan that is an ally of the United States of America and the free world lives on in the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan now led by his son, Commander Ahmad Massoud; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud inspired the formation of VETS4NRF, a U.S. based non-profit organization, which strives to show the gratitude of the Afghan people to the 800,000 American veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, and continues to improve the relationship between Afghanistan and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Shah Massoud inspired the formation of Massoud Foundation USA that provides meals, medical treatment, and education to women and children of Afghanistan.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2023, as “**MASSOUD DAY**” in the City of Westminster and encourage residents to participate in caring for their friends and providing hope to those in need.

Signed and Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3