



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Family Celebration and Appreciation Month honors the special bonds that shape our lives and is a reminder of the strength, love, and support that families provide, no matter how they are defined; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy families are the cornerstone of a thriving community, fostering love, compassion, and care that build the foundation for a stronger and more resilient society; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of families has been especially evident during challenging times, as they adapt, support one another, and find resilience in the face of adversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Glendale is committed to supporting healthy families through investments in local programs and resources that enhance literacy through our Library, Arts and Culture Department, recreation through our Community Services and Parks Department, assistance through Homeless Services and Domestic Violence Prevention programs, and economic opportunities through our Homeless Services, Economic Development Office and Verdugo Jobs Center; and

**WHEREAS**, families contribute to the richness of our community by celebrating diversity, teaching shared values, and nurturing future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, as the end of the year approaches, let's reflect on the importance of healthy family bonds and the contributions they make to the well-being of our city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Elen Asatryan, Mayor of the City of Glendale, do hereby proclaim **December 2024**, as:

## Family Celebration and Appreciation Month

in the City of Glendale and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the value of healthy families, reflect on their contributions, and continue fostering environments where families can thrive together. Let us extend gratitude to all healthy families, single parents, foster families, and all caregivers, mentors and friends who provide love and stability, and work together to create a city where every member feels supported, valued, and empowered to thrive.

Let us also remember to reach out to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who may be experiencing difficulties during the holidays, offering them compassion, connection, and support so that no one feels alone during this season of togetherness.

**Elen Asatryan, Mayor**

December 17, 2024