

Angra do Heroísmo Day

Whereas, the Sister Cities International (SCI) was founded as a Presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to promote global citizen and civic diplomatic action, helping support a future where the world's cities and citizens can come together in common ground; and

Whereas, on April 6, 1966, Tulare adopted Angra do Heroísmo as its Sister City, and in 1967, the city government of Angra do Heroísmo formally adopted Tulare as its Sister City; and

Whereas, as a result, cultural exchange between our two cities has occurred for more than 50 years; and

Whereas, the visit of Angra do Heroísmo Mayor José Gabriel do Álamo Meneses and Vice Mayor Guido Teles is an indication of the strong ties that the United States has with Portugal and the Azores Islands, and that the City of Tulare in particular has because of the many Portuguese immigrants and Americans of Portuguese ancestry that live in this city; and

Whereas, the Tulare-Angra Sister City Foundation increases awareness and appreciation for the Portuguese culture pertaining to both the City of Tulare and the City of Angra do Heroísmo; and

Whereas, various Portuguese-American organizations in our city have preserved and promoted the Azorean cultural legacy through music, theater, religion, education, literature, athletics, and social events; and

Whereas, the City of Tulare is proud of our city's Portuguese heritage and the contributions of our Portuguese-American citizens.

Now, therefore we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby welcome you to the City of Tulare and proclaim Friday, November 4, 2022, as Angra do Heroísmo Day in the City of Tulare.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2022

Dennis A. Mederos, Mayor Jury a. Sayre

Terry A. Sayre, Vice Mayor

Jose Sigala, Councilmember

Stephen C. Harrell, Councilmember

Patrick Isherwood, Councilmember