



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: May 4, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator; Pat Perry, City Historian

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Resolution No. 05-4-2026-A Recognizing and Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the City of Sonora's Incorporation; and

Receive a Presentation from Pat Perry on the History of Sonora.

RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora was officially incorporated on May 1, 1851, during the early years of California statehood and the Gold Rush era. As one of California's earliest incorporated cities, Sonora has a rich and distinguished history that reflects the perseverance, character, and community spirit of its residents.

Over the past 175 years, the City has grown and evolved while preserving its historic character and continuing to provide essential services to residents and businesses. This milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on Sonora's history, recognize the contributions of past and present community members, and celebrate the City's continued vitality.

The City has also received a proclamation from Governor Gavin Newsom and David Tangipa, Assemblymember, 8th District recognizing this significant anniversary.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The proposed resolution formally recognizes the 175th Anniversary of the City's incorporation and expresses appreciation to the many individuals who have contributed to the City's development and success over time.

This recognition is consistent with similar actions taken by other municipalities to commemorate significant anniversaries. Adoption of the resolution provides an opportunity for the City Council and community to acknowledge this milestone and to celebrate Sonora's history and future.



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FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 05-4-2026-A
- Congressional Record – Recognizing the City of Sonora's 175th Anniversary
- Letter of Recognition from Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
- Letter of Recognition from David Tangipa, Assemblymember, 8th District
- Certificate of Recognition from Senator Marie Alverado-Gil

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan.