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Presented By
Mayor
Kevin L.
Faulconer

The City of San Diego
Proclamation

TAFFY III DAY

October 25, 2019

WHEREAS, Taffy III was a group of small support ships consisting of: USS Gambier Bay, USS Fanshaw Bay, USS Kalin Bay, USS Kitkun Bay, USS St. Lo, USS White Plains, USS Heerman, USS Hoel, USS Johnston, USS John C. Butler, USS Raymond, and USS Samuel B. Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Taffy III was protecting the invasion of the Philippine Islands at Leyte Gulf, Samar Province on October 25, 1944, where it was attacked by Japanese naval vessels; and

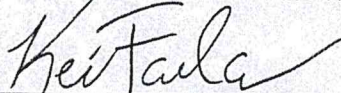
WHEREAS, Taffy III, although outnumbered, attacked a number of Japanese ships, but suffered the losses of: the USS Gambier Bay, USS St Lo, USS Hoel, USS Johnston, and USS Samuel B. Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Taffy III's spirited defense convinced Admiral Kurita to withdraw his forces saving the invasion force from attack, and Taffy III was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its heroism and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Taffy III's survivors and their families have selected San Diego as the site of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle off Samar and will honor the sailors and airmen who participated in the battle; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2019, to be "TAFFY III DAY" in the City of San Diego in recognition of the heroism of the men of Taffy III (Task Force 77.4.3) at the Battle off Samar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY,
AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:



Kevin L. Faulconer
MAYOR

October 25, 2019

DATE

