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WHEREAS, during the morning of Monday, January 29, 1979, rifle shots were fired by a sniper into the schoolyard of Cleveland Elementary School in San Carlos as hundreds of children were arriving for classes; and

WHEREAS, two members of the school staff, including the Principal, Mr. Burton A. Wragg, and the Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Michael Suchar, were fatally injured, and eight children and a police officer were wounded at this outset of a 6-1/2 hour ordeal which ended with the arrest of a suspect; and

WHEREAS, the wounded and the uninjured students were swiftly removed from the line of fire and to safety under extremely hazardous conditions by school staff and police officers; and

WHEREAS, members of the staff of Cleveland Elementary distinguished themselves during this tragic episode by their quick thinking and their courage in working with police to safeguard the children and others at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, without their calm and efficient control of the children in their care, the number of injured would have been much higher; and

WHEREAS, the children themselves displayed exemplary behavior in calmly following the instructions of the school staff and police as they were moved from hazardous areas to shelter, and again during their subsequent evacuation by bus to a nearby school where they were reunited with their families; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Diego commends the

## Staff and Students of Cleveland Elementary School

for their calm, bravery and quick and effective actions which are credited with limiting the number of casualties in this tragic incident.

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