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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 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 police and school staff members; and

WHEREAS, subsequent immediate and coordinated reactions of police officers resulted in isolating and establishing contact with the suspect, which brought an end to the gunfire and minimized further casualties in the area; and

WHEREAS, several officers of the San Diego Police Department and members of the staff of Cleveland Elementary School distinguished themselves during this tragic episode by their quick thinking and their courage in safeguarding the children and others at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, several police officers were instrumental in bringing about the surrender of the suspect in the incident; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER CHESTER W. THURSTON of the San Diego Police Department assisted another officer in arranging the surrender during a three-hour telephone conversation with the suspect; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER THURSTON maintained communication and liaison with the SWAT leaders throughout the incident, contributing greatly to the success of the operation; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

# Chester W. Thurston

and expresses its gratitude, and that of the community, for his exceptional and successful efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens.



APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, CITY ATTORNEY

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