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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 259569

Adopted on NOV 7 1983

WHEREAS, under current law, Daylight Savings Time (DST) begins on the last Sunday in April and lasts for six months, ending on the last Sunday in October; and

WHEREAS, based on the national experience during 1974 when federal law provided for eight months of DST, we know with some certainty that the advantages of extending DST include reduced electric consumption in March and April and savings in home heating fuels; and

WHEREAS, in addition, traffic fatalities would be reduced since most traffic fatalities occur at night, especially in urban areas and if DST were extended, sunset would occur at 6:46 p.m. on March 1 and 7:09 p.m. on April 1, giving drivers going home from work an additional hour of light; and

WHEREAS, crime would probably be reduced because studies have shown that there is more crime in the first hours of darkness and the additional DST would permit people to get home before dark; and

WHEREAS, a final advantage is that additional DST would conform the start of DST to the reality of most people's life styles and preferences; and

WHEREAS, in the last three session of Congress, over a dozen bills seeking to extend DST have been introduced with no legislative success to date; and

WHEREAS, as recently as February 7, 1983, the City Council passed a resolution reaffirming its support for federal legislation extending the period of DST by two months; and

WHEREAS, bills are currently pending in Congress to effectuate the extension of DST, with S.63, which was principally authored by Senator Cranston, pending in the Senate's Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee, at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 17, 1983, considered the recommendations set forth in IRD Report No. 83-71 and approved unanimously the recommendation to support proposed legislation pending in this session of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee now recommends approval of such support action by the full Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of said City, in accordance with the information and recommendation contained in the Intergovernmental Relations Department Report No. 83-71, dated October 11, 1983, does hereby express its support for pending legislation in the Congress designed to extend Daylight Savings Time.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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