RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 260977

Adopted on JUN 18 1984

WHEREAS, existing federal law prohibits foreign vessels from transporting passengers between ports or places in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Customs Service in the Department of the Treasury is responsible for adopting regulations to implement this federal statute; and

WHEREAS, existing Customs Service regulations provide what is known as the "24-hour rule," which states that a foreign vessel which takes on passengers at a U. S. port may stop at another U. S. port for a maximum of 24 hours and during this 24-hour stop, passengers may leave the ship to visit the second port, but may not terminate their trip at this second port; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of economic disadvantages of its present rule, the U. S. Custom Service is proposing to remove the 24-hour maximum stop-over rule, specifically, Customs is proposing that there be no limit on how long a foreign vessel remains in a secondary U. S. port so long as the vessel neither takes on new passengers nor allows passengers to terminate their trip at the secondary port; and

WHEREAS, the proposed elimination of the foreign vessel 24-hour rule could be beneficial to San Diego's tourist trade and, the U. S. Customs Service has requested comment on its proposed elimination of the 24-hour rule by June 25, 1984; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1984, the Rules Committee considered the information provided in Intergovernmental Relations

Department Report No. 84-30, dated June 4, 1984, as it concerns the proposed amendments by the U.S. Customs Service and approved unanimously the recommendations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee now forwards this matter to the full Council with a recommendation to approve the proposal;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this City Council, after reviewing the information and recommendation contained in IRD Report No. 84-30, dated June 4, 1984, does hereby express its support for the U.S. Custom Service's proposed rule change to the 24-hour rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to communicate this position and expression of support to the U. S. Customs Service prior to the June 25, 1984 deadline.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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