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WHEREAS, following the communist takeover in Laos in 1975, many people were dislocated from their native homeland; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego has welcomed over 15,000

Laotian refugees (Lao, Hmong, Thai Lu, Thai Dam, Thai phouane,

Yao and Kha Mu) who have made the America's Finest City their new
home; and

WHEREAS, for the Lao community, the Lao New Year Celebration is traditionally the most important and only holiday away from the otherwise constant routine of work; and

WHEREAS, April 13, 1988 represents the beginning of the Lao annual lunar cycle; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all San Diegans to recognize the sincere efforts of our new Lao-American residents to integrate into our society, and to weave their most important and elaborate holiday into the cultural fabric of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to demonstrate the preservation of a rich cultural heritage, a heritage of hard work, close family ties, and initiative that have all helped build a strong America; and

WHEREAS, many Lao Community Organizations such as the Californian Lao Association, Educational Foundation for Laotian Students, Lao Community Association, Lao Women Association, Lao Friendship Association, Lao Lanexang Students Association, Lao

Mutual Association, Lao Senior Citizens Association, Lao Family Community Inc., Lao Volunteer Action Center, Lao Huamxon Association, Lao San Diego Club, Lao Catholic Association, Lao Business Leaders, Lao Solidarity of Escondido and Lao United Condolence of San Diego, are deserving of commendation for their outstanding efforts in making this memorial event successful and for enhancing the quality of life of the Lao Community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that on the occasion of the Lao National New Year and the Twelfth Anniversary of the Lao becoming a part of America's Finest City, April 23, 1988 be and it is hereby proclaimed to be "LAO NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DAY" in San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Jack Katz, Chief Deput

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