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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-

ADOPTED ON APR 12 1993

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to further the pursuit of cultural, business, educational and scientific exchanges, and to officially bond together two cities, San Diego and Tijuana, in a Sister City affiliation; and

WHEREAS, San Diego and Tijuana have been inextricably linked by ties of geography, history, culture, and increasingly, economics; and

WHEREAS, San Diego is the largest United States city on the Mexican border, while Tijuana shares the same distinction on the United States border; and

WHEREAS, together, with 5 million inhabitants, we form the largest single market on the United States-Mexican border; and

WHEREAS, some 4.1 million persons regularly cross the border at San Ysidro each month, with Tijuana residents spending an estimated \$220 million monthly in San Diego, while San Diego residents spend approximately \$169 million monthly in the Mexican city; and

WHEREAS, some 640 San Diego based maquiladora industries employing 65,000 to 80,000 persons have been established in the Tijuana area, fashioning strong links between our two economies; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of San Diego based firms in our ever expanding service sector, including law, architecture,

accounting, finance, construction, brokerage and trucking are being awarded lucrative contracts in Tijuana; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement will provide added incentives for increased commercial and economic ties between our two cities; and

WHEREAS, longer term economic trends enhancing the importance of United States-Mexican trade relations argue persuasively for strengthening the ties between our two cities now; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 San Diego and Tijuana business, professional and government leaders already have come together to strengthen the economic and commercial ties linking our two cities, in an organization called Border Region Action Group, and have pledged to support a Sister City affiliation between San Diego and Tijuana; 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 San Diego, hereby expresses its desire to be a Sister City to Tijuana and accepts the invitation of the Mayor of Tijuana, the Honorable Hector Osuna Jaime, to seek Sister City affiliation together.

JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney APPROVED:

By

Senior Chief Deputy

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