

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283186

ADOPTED ON JAN 03 1994

WHEREAS, La Jolla biochemist Dr. Kary B. Mullis was awarded the 1993 Nobel Prize in chemistry for fundamental breakthroughs in genetics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis was honored for his 1985 invention of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), a fast, accurate technique for replicating genetic materials; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis' technique allows scientists to diagnose infections, find genes for major diseases, and recover DNA from fossil remains; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis developed the polymerase chain reaction while employed as a scientist at Cetus Corporation in Emeryville, California from 1979 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis has served as a private consultant in nucleic acid chemistry for more than thirty firms across the country since 1987, including Cytometrics, Ericomp, General Atomics, Viagene and Xytronyx in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis is a graduate of Georgia Tech with a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis has received fourteen major awards for his work since 1990, including 1992 California Scientist of the Year by the California Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles; and

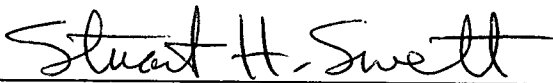
WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis resides in La Jolla and is currently working on several books regarding PCR technology, applications and history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mullis is deserving of recognition for his ongoing commitment and contributions to the realms of chemistry and genetics technology which have resulted in his achievement of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry; 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 recognizes Dr. Kary B. Mullis for his contributions to science and his recent honor as recipient of the Nobel Prize by proclaiming January 3, 1994 to be "DR. KARY B. MULLIS DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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