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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-283798

ADOPTED ON MAY 2, 1994

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of San Diego has declared a continuing state of emergency beginning with Resolution Number R-282544, adopted on September 7, 1993, in regard to persistent renegade sewage flows from Tijuana, Mexico, into waters of the United States situate in the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, said emergency continues unabated up to the present time; and

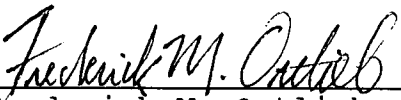
WHEREAS, by the morning hours of May 1, 1994 the emergency was immensely aggravated by the rupture of a major sewer line in Tijuana which resulted in even greater amounts of foreign raw sewage flowing into waters of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the federal government of the United States to address this compounded emergency and to react immediately to protect United States receiving waters and the people of San Diego from the harmful effects of sewage flows originating in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the environmental harm from the Tijuana sewage flows is apt to heavily outweigh other environmental impacts associated with the immediate construction of treatment works, thus warranting all lawful emergency exceptions to regular requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the United States government is hereby urgently implored to declare a federal emergency with respect to continuing and expanding Mexican sewage discharges into the Tiajuana River Valley, and to expedite the construction of treatment works through invocation of all applicable emergency exceptions to regular requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act.

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