

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 284203

ADOPTED ON JUL 05 1994

WHEREAS, George R. Story was appointed by the City Council in 1967 as its Principal Assistant, when the part-time legislative body for the much smaller city of that era was served by a central staff; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, George was selected by the City Manager for the position of Citizens Assistance Officer in the Office of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, in this position, he guided development of the first administrative ombudsman office in any major U.S. city, dating to 1967, and provided an important link between citizens with problems, their City Council representatives, and City departments; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, George was directed by the City Manager to oversee merger of two departments into the Department of Citizens Assistance and Information with the goal of broadening the City's outreach to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of this former journalist, the new department developed a host of innovative programs and publications which informed members of the public of the wide variety of City services available to them and enhanced their access to those services; and

WHEREAS, George continued to serve, until 1987, as the City's ombudsman, demonstrating to thousands of citizens with

problems large and small that "you can fight City Hall"; and

WHEREAS, George is credited with implementing during this period the pioneering "no smoking" and noise abatement regulations adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, George's later assignments in the Office of the City Manager and the Waste Management Department involved complex special projects of significant public impact including the City's approach to the problem of hazardous materials storage and use, cable television regulation, the City's participation in the last federal population census, Council redistricting and City Charter review efforts; and

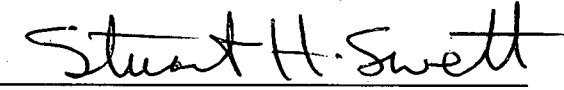
WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his retirement, George deserves recognition for demonstrating how local government can materially improve the quality of life for its citizens through an unswerving commitment to the belief that government exists to serve the people; NOW, THEREFORE,

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, does hereby thank George Story for a job well done, and offers best wishes to George and his wife Judy, for a happy and productive retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 8, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "GEORGE STORY DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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