

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 284242

ADOPTED ON JUL 11 1994

WHEREAS, sight preservation and work with the blind has characterized the humanitarian tradition of the association since the earliest days of Lionism; and

WHEREAS, Lions, drawing inspiration from the stirring words of Helen Keller, continue in their commitment to be "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness;" and

WHEREAS, the world's leading ophthalmological and public health experts estimate that the number of blind people in the world exceeds 40 million and further estimate that the number could reach 80 million early in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of all who are blind have lost their sight to causes that could have been prevented or may still be reversed; and

WHEREAS, the Lions established international structure and the experience gained through many years of service make the association uniquely qualified to address the challenge of blindness on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, the association is committed to funding through CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST special Lions' projects around the globe that will dramatically reduce the number of blind people in the world; and

WHEREAS, San Diego and Imperial Counties Lions Clubs contributed \$420,000 to make a difference in one vital area -

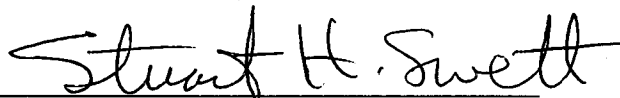
solving problems of blindness; NOW, THEREFORE,

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 recognize all Lions for their personal contribution to eradicate preventable and reversible blindness through the Lions Club "SIGHTFIRST" campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, July 11, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "LIONS CLUB SIGHTFIRST DAY" in The City San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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