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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED ON AUG 08 1994

WHEREAS, over the July 4, 1994 holiday weekend San Diego beaches experienced extremely high crowds and beach and water attendance; and

WHEREAS, on this three day weekend San Diego lifeguards rescued 634 swimmers in distress; and

WHEREAS, 550 of these rescues were performed by lifeguards assigned to the Central Area of the Lifeguard Service along the Mission Beach-Pacific Beach strand; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards assigned to the Mission Beach lifeguard station rescued 204 distressed swimmers on a single day - July 3 - which is an all time record for any single San Diego beach area; and

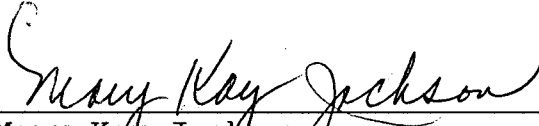
WHEREAS, the Mission Beach lifeguard team on July 3 included Lt. Charles Wright, Sgt. Troy Keach, Sgt. Steve DeBry, John Klemmer, Jo Wade, Richard Wurts, John O'Beirne, Rich Stropky, Neil Collins, James Skaalen, Robin Bregman, Craig Newell, Michael Miller, Paul Arnold, James Bell, Mike McCormick, Chris Mitchell, and Robert Eichelberger; and

WHEREAS, a single lifeguard, Paul Arnold, effected 51 rescues on July 3, an unprecedented number; and

WHEREAS, the actions of all the lifeguards involved in this extraordinary effort to save the lives of hundreds of San Diego beach visitors were in the highest tradition of public safety for which the San Diego Lifeguard Service is well known and highly regarded; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, the Council hereby thanks and commends the members of the Lifeguard Services Division of the Park and Recreation Department, and in particular the Mission Beach Lifeguard Team, for demonstrating their characteristic depth of character and effective rescue abilities in ensuring the safety of San Diego beach users.

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