

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 284553

ADOPTED ON SEP 12 1994

WHEREAS, Dr. Victor J. DePratti is retiring after twenty-six years of community service as the Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Blood Bank; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. DePratti's tenure, the San Diego Blood Bank significantly expanded its capabilities from drawing 36,000 units of blood per year at one location in San Diego County to drawing 115,000 units of blood per year at five fixed locations and on seven bloodmobiles in San Diego, Imperial and southern Riverside counties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DePratti introduced new medical advances in blood banking services to the greater San Diego area, including the initiation of hepatitis testing and tissue typing services in the late 1960s and offering apheresis services, autologous and directed donations in the 1970s and early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DePratti led the expansion of the San Diego Blood Bank's participation in the National Marrow Donor Registry via the addition of 20,000 local potential bone marrow donors and instituted stem cell/marrow transplantation laboratory services in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DePratti's experience as medical director has allowed him to understand the blood supply needs of the community and to recognize the importance and value of the volunteer donor; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. DePratti's leadership, the San Diego Blood Bank is recognized for quality and innovation in the field of blood banking and its related services; 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 congratulate and thank Dr. Victor J. DePratti for his long and devoted service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 23,, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "DR. VICTOR J. DePRATTI DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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