

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 284863

ADOPTED ON NOV 07 1994

WHEREAS, officers of the Western Division of the San Diego Police Department, led by Sergeant Nancy Hawkins, and including Officers Heidi Hawley, Pat Vinson, Paul Wright, Steve Hobbs, Rick Edgil, Merrit Blunt and Chris Cameron successfully coordinated a Problem Oriented Policing ("POP") Project addressing the transient population lodging in the San Diego riverbed; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad gathered intelligence on the inhabitants living in the San Diego riverbed including their criminal records, probationary status and stolen property in their possession; and

WHEREAS, upon conducting research, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad discovered that most of the San Diego riverbed inhabitants had felony criminal records, were violating conditions of their probation, and were supporting expensive drug habits; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad researched calls for service and crime statistics for the San Diego riverbed and surrounding area, as well as information pertaining to the Fire Department's cost for responding to calls in the San Diego riverbed; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad determined that the inhabitants in the San Diego riverbed posed a serious threat to citizens in the surrounding communities, were taxing the City's public safety resources and were responsible for hazardous

environmental conditions in the San Diego riverbed; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad coordinated the planning efforts of various law enforcement agencies including the San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Probation and the U.S. Marshals in preparation for a large sweep in the San Diego riverbed; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1994, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad executed a large, multi-agency sweep which resulted in the arrest of over thirty felons, misdemeanants and parolees at large; and

WHEREAS, outstanding warrants from these individuals totaled over \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad secured the cooperation of The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Division, the California State Department of Transportation, and the Richard J. Donovan Correction Facility for the execution of a comprehensive and low cost cleanup operation; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Sergeant Hawkins and her squad have been instrumental in making the neighborhoods surrounding the San Diego riverbed safer to live, work and recreate; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hawkins and her squad performed an unprecedented operation which will be a shining example for all future San Diego Police Department POP Projects; 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, hereby congratulates Sergeant Nancy Hawkins and her squad of the Western Division: Officers Heidi Hawley, Pat Vinson, Paul

Wright, Steve Hobbs, Rick Edgil, Merrit Blunt and Chris Cameron,
on their exceptional performance in the San Diego riverbed
Problem Oriented Policing Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, November 7, 1994 be and
is hereby proclaimed to be "WESTERN DIVISION DAY" in The City of
San Diego.

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