

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285114
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WHEREAS, drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs account for nearly 17,500 highway deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children, adolescents, and young adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is involved in nearly half of all traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, injury and property damage resulting from alcohol-impaired driving cause physical, emotional, and economic hardship for hundreds of thousands of adults and young people; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive community-based strategies to further reduce and prevent impaired driving tragedies are known; and

WHEREAS, health care costs resulting from motor vehicle injuries cost American society over \$14 billion a year, and save \$35,000 in health care costs alone for each serious injury that is prevented; and

WHEREAS, if we take a stand now, we can prevent impaired driving; 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 calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in The

City of San Diego to promote awareness of causes of driver impairment, existing and proposed laws intended to further reduce and prevent impaired driving, and opportunities to establish safer and healthier norms regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs for all citizens, particularly young people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this city joins the hundreds of local, state and national organizations in supporting efforts to reduce preventable traffic collisions on our roadways and hereby proclaims the month of December 1994 to be **"NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH"** in The City of San Diego.

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