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WHEREAS, California's communities recognize Neighborhood Watch as an effective means for keeping crime out of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, neighbors and law enforcement agencies working together create an effective crime-fighting team; and

WHEREAS, every three seconds a residence is victimized by crime; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to ensure the safety of our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities for ourselves and our children; and

WHEREAS, the battle against crime will not be won by individuals acting on their own; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch teaches children respect for the law, reinforces community values, and encourages the kind of individual responsibility that makes for healthy, creative neighborhoods populated by safer and happier citizens; and

WHEREAS, in Neighborhood Watch programs, neighbors are on guard for criminal activity that may occur near their homes, report suspicious activity to the police, and provide escorts for elderly or vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, because of the significance and scope of Neighborhood Watch programs in making neighborhoods safe, it is important that The City of San Diego recognize the many

contributions of the residents of this City and of law enforcement officers; 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 proclaims the month of August 1995 to be "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MONTH" in San Diego and encourages all citizens to join in this effective means of fighting crime in their neighborhoods and to unite with their neighbors and law enforcement to keep their neighborhoods safe.

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