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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 286962

## ADOPTED ON MAR 0 4 1996

WHEREAS, Mission Trails Regional Park, evolving since 1960, encompasses nearly 5,800 acres of both natural and undeveloped recreational open space; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center was officially dedicated on February 4, 1995 to provide the community and visitors to San Diego a location to learn about the park's history, natural plant and animal communities, and the various activities and destinations available within the park; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Trails Regional Park and Visitor and Interpretive Center is staffed solely by four full-time park rangers and 183 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mission Trails Regional Park Volunteer responsibilities include daily operation of the Visitor Center, public education programs, trail guide tours, habitat restoration, and serving as good will ambassadors for The City of San Diego and the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mission Trails Regional Park Volunteers serve a minimum of eight hours per month; and

WHEREAS, Mission Trails Regional Park Volunteers have donated 20,713 hours of volunteer service in the first year of the Visitor and Interpretive Center's operation; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Trails Regional Park and Visitor and

Interpretive Center could not maintain its high level of service to those who use the park throughout the year without the assistance of the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, a Mission Trails Regional Park Volunteer

Recognition Event was held on February 24, 1996; 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 proclaim February 24, 1996 to be "MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK VOLUNTEER DAY" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Stuart H. Swett Senior Chief Deputy

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