

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287027  
ADOPTED ON MAR 18 1996

WHEREAS, Susan Lew was born in Canton, China, lived in Hong Kong and moved to the United States in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Susan successfully managed her own real estate investments, and founded the real estate firm S. Lew & Associates, Inc. in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lew's firm, S. Lew & Associates, Inc. is the largest Asian-owned real estate company in San Diego, assisting San Diego's Asian community and international clients through the sales process; and

WHEREAS, Susan has been an active civic leader in San Diego since 1980, promoting human services, cultural, educational and international business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Susan has distinguished herself further through her leadership to Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) and through her chairing the San Diego Chinese Center; and

WHEREAS, Susan's service on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Commerce, the San Diego County International Commission and the State of California's Advisory Commission for California-Canada Trade Relations has contributed greatly to San Diego's reputation as an emerging center of international trade; and

WHEREAS, Susan's membership in the San Diego-Yantai Sister City Society and numerous other charitable and civic organizations, including Mayor Golding's Strategic Trade Alliance

of the Region and the Tideland Advisory Council have further enhanced Susan Lew's credentials as a recognized civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Susan was appointed by the San Diego City Council to the San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners on January 23, 1993; and was elected to chair the Board of Commissioners on January 10, 1995, becoming the first Asian to hold such a position, making her the highest-ranking Asian in local government; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District, under Susan Lew's guidance, revised the Port's international trade strategy, implemented the Immediate Action Plan for improvements to Lindbergh Field, completed the Port District's master plan, and implemented an aggressive marketing effort for the region; ;and

WHEREAS, Susan relied upon her keen business sense and Asian heritage during her tenure as chair of the San Diego Unified Port District Board to strengthen San Diego's Pacific Rim trade relations; 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 recognize and commend Susan Lew for her service and commitment to making San Diego "America's Finest Port City" during her tenure as chair of the San Diego Unified Port District Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of Susan Lew's achievements in chairing the San Diego Unified Port District Board, Friday, March 22 1996 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SUSAN LEW DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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