

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287211

ADOPTED ON APR 22 1996

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation was founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1938 and is the only nonprofit organization to conquer the disease it originally set out to prevent, which was polio; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is a national voluntary health organization seeking to assure that every baby has a healthy start in life by funding programs of research, education, community services and advocacy dedicated to preventing birth defects and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's primary fundraiser, WalkAmerica, is celebrating its 27th Anniversary and is staged annually throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, more than 7,000 San Diegans participated in March of Dimes WalkAmerica presented by KFMB-TV 8 and STAR 100.7 FM on the last Saturday in April, raising more than \$724,000, making it the most successful WalkAmerica ever in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, The Vons Companies, Inc., City and County of San Diego, Kyocera, Discount Tire Co., Union Bank, Target, Sony Corporation, Kaiser Permanente and Office Depot were San Diego's Top Ten Teams in raising money for WalkAmerica 1995; and

WHEREAS, March of Dimes WalkAmerica presented by KFMB-TV 8 and STAR 100.7 FM demonstrates the community commitment of companies such as Delimex, Farmer's Insurance Group of Companies, Florida Citrus Growers, KFMB-TV 8 and STAR 100.7 FM, Kaiser Permanente, Office Depot, and Sea World of California by being generous corporate sponsors; and

WHEREAS, all San Diegans who participate in every aspect of WalkAmerica enjoy themselves and feel that the experience is rewarding and worthwhile; 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 the month of April 1996 to be "**WALKAMERICA FOR HEALTHIER BABIES MONTH**" in The City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council congratulates and honors the thousands of volunteers and walkers who will give of their time, energy, and personal resources on WalkAmerica Day, April 27, 1996, so that every baby in San Diego County will be born healthy.

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