

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287223

ADOPTED ON APR 22 1996

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" is a nonprofit volunteer organization with over 150 affiliates nationwide, composed of civic, community service groups, labor organizations and religious groups from the Greater San Diego area; and

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" brings joy to lives of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners on fixed incomes whose major investment is found in their homes but who are unable to restore and maintain them in a suitable condition; and

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" efforts nationwide have rehabilitated 18,500 homes, involving 520,000 volunteers, with a market value of the repairs in excess of \$111 million since 1989; and

WHEREAS, nearly 500 volunteers are expected to gather at the Jackie Robinson YMCA on North 45th Street in San Diego on Saturday, April 20, 1996; and

WHEREAS, 12 to 15 house crews will then fan out to preselected homes throughout the urban area of central San Diego to work side by side with skilled tradespeople to paint, clean-up, mow lawns, remove weeds and debris, and perform minor repairs and preventative maintenance on the homes of fellow citizens who need a helping hand so they may live in warmth, safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, this program is offered without any cost or

obligation to the recipients, and is conceived as a gift from the groups and individuals in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, thus reinforcing the idea of "Christmas in April;" 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 these volunteers, the sponsoring organizations and the tremendous difference they make in the lives of their neighbors for the betterment of San Diego as America's Finest City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Saturday, April 20, 1996 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "CHRISTMAS IN APRIL DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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