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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287478 ADOPTED ON JUN 10 1996

WHEREAS, the great Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park is San Diego's cultural treasure, envisioned and provided by John D. and Adolph Spreckels "for the free use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of San Diego and the people of all the world"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Spreckels Organ Society is to preserve and promote the Spreckels Organ as a world treasure for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society, including recent extensive additions, has contributed over \$125,000 in improvements to the great Spreckels Organ, Balboa Park, and The City of San Diego and has now established a long awaited Endowment Fund to supplement the public funding for the position of Civic Organist and assist in the maintenance of the Spreckels Organ; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society provides an Educational Outreach Program, the International Summer Organ Festival Sunday concerts and special performances totalling more than 100 during the year and serves an audience of over 100,000, at least half of whom are tourists from abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society has received international media coverage, including the TODAY Show, British TV 4, the Arts & Entertainment Channel and CNN, to name a few; 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 commend the Spreckels Organ Society volunteers and community supporters for their dedication to the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 17, 1996 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SPRECKELS ORGAN SOCIETY 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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