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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288107

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WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives were the original inhabitants of the land that now constitutes the United States; and

WHEREAS, American Indian tribal governments developed the fundamental principles of freedom of speech and separation of powers that form the foundation of the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have traditionally exhibited a respect for the finiteness of natural resources through a reverence for the earth; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have served with valor in all of America's wars beginning with the Revolutionary War through the conflict in the Persian Gulf, and often the percentage of American Indians who served exceeded significantly the percentage of American Indians in the populations of the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives deserve to be recognized for their individual contributions to the United States as local and national civic and business leaders, scholars, artists, and athletes; and

WHEREAS, November is a time when many Americans commemorate a special

time in the history of the United States when American Indians and English settlers celebrated the bounty of their harvest and the promise of new kinships; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims the month of November 1996 to be "**AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**" in The City of San Diego, and urges all San Diegans to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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