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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288351

ADOPTED ON FEB 18 1997

WHEREAS, San Diego Hospice was founded on February 14, 1977 by a group of private citizens, clergy members, and medical professionals motivated by a common concern for terminally ill patients and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Hospice has been a not-for-profit, independent, community-based health care provider for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, it has been a vital component of the health care system, serving the needs of the terminally ill and their loved ones throughout San Diego County regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Hospice has cared for more than 17,250 terminally ill patients and now cares for nearly 1,600 individuals facing life-threatening illnesses each year; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Hospice is noted for its exceptional programs, including pediatrics, bereavement support, and volunteer recruitment, that continue to serve as models for other hospices around the country; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions that the San Diego Hospice has made during the past twenty years to provide specialized, compassionate health care for the terminally ill as well as emotional and spiritual support for them and their loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Friday, February 14, 1997 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**SAN DIEGO HOSPICE DAY**" in The City of San Diego.

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