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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **288971**

ADOPTED ON JUL 22 1997

WHEREAS, the San Diego Civic Light Opera Association, now known as the Starlight Musical Theatre, is one of the oldest continuously producing musical theatre companies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1945 by four far-sighted San Diegans, the association presented its first season in 1946 with the production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado* in the San Diego Zoo's Wegeforth Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Civic Light Opera Association has presented 49 consecutive seasons of musical theatre productions for the entertainment of more than 4 million San Diegans and visitors; and

WHEREAS, these seasons have encompassed 277 productions of 116 different musicals, ranging from the operettas of Gilbert & Sullivan and Jacques Offenback, to the Rogers and Hammerstein classics *Carousel* and *South Pacific* and favorites from the 50's and 60's such as *Guys & Dolls* and *Peter Pan* and the contemporary Broadway blockbusters *A Chorus Line*, *Dreamgirls* and *Phantom of the Opera*; and

WHEREAS throughout the course of its illustrious history, the association has been motivated by three goals: to produce musical theatre works of the highest artistic quality, to provide professional opportunities for talented individuals in the field of musical theatre and to create new audiences for musical theatre; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims the month of July 1997 to be "STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE MONTH" in The City of San Diego.

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