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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289005

ADOPTED ON JUL 29 1997

WHEREAS, the San Diego/Yokohama Sister City relationship was established by the Honorable Charles Dail, Mayor of The City of San Diego, and the Honorable Ryozo Hiranuma, Mayor of the City of Yokohama in 1957 to promote friendly exchanges between two cities; and

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years the San Diego Sister City Society and the Yokohama Sister City Committee have arranged for numerous visits of citizens from one city to the other and have sponsored numerous student exchanges between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Sister City Society arranged for The City of San Diego to receive the 2 ½ ton Friendship Bell and Japanese style structure building on Shelter Island in 1960, and the black marble sculpture inscribed with the San Diego Song in Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Sister City Society arranged for reciprocal gifts to the City of Yokohama of Donald Hord's famous stone statute entitled "Guardian of the Waters," nine California Mission Bells and a white dogwood tree; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Sister City Society has supported the construction of the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park and helped arrange for the gift of stately stone marker engraved with Garden name, San Kei En in calligraphy by the late Mayor Saigo of Yokohama; 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 San Diego Sister City Society

on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary and applauds the Society for the vital role it has played in the relationships between our two great cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 1, 1997 be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“SAN DIEGO/YOKOHAMA SISTER CITY DAY”** in The City of San Diego.

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