

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289160

ADOPTED ON SEP 09 1997

WHEREAS, Jerome ("Jerry") S. Parker recently retired from his position as The City of San Diego's first Dispute Resolution Officer after twenty (20) years of devoted service; and

WHEREAS, Jerry joined the City Attorney's office on July 11, 1977 after a distinguished career with the United States Marine Corps from which he retired in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Jerry served as a drug counselor while in the Marine Corps and as a counselor with Model Ex-Offenders, Inc. in San Diego after retirement until he joined the City Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, Jerry obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavioral Science in 1981 and a Master's Degree in Counseling in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Jerry performed his job as a Dispute Resolution Officer in an outstanding manner with tact, patience, empathy and a sense of humor while utilizing his qualities of experience, maturity, sound judgment, professional knowledge and the understanding of human nature; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of The City of San Diego, the San Diego mediation community, the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, the local law schools, the San Diego Unified School District and neighboring communities have all benefitted from Jerry's skills and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has received many honors and awards including being named the recipient of "America's Finest City, Citizen of the Year Award" in 1987 from the San Diego

Chamber of Commerce; one of The City of San Diego's 1992 "Outstanding Customer Services Awards"; the 1993 recipient of the prestigious "Healers of Conflict Award" from the Southern California Mediation Association and the Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University; and recipient of the October 1994 City Attorney Criminal Division's "Employee of the Month Award"; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is past President of the Local Chapter of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution; past board member of the Southern California Mediation Association, the California Dispute Resolution Council, and the San Diego Mediation Center; a founding member of the Dispute Resolution Forum of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a member of Toastmasters and a national speaker who has presented programs at several universities and law schools throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS Jerry has participated in many other professional and community activities too numerous to mention; 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 recognize and commend Jerome S. Parker on the occasion of his retirement and thanks him for his many years of exemplary professional and community service to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 11, 1997 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "JEROME ("JERRY") S. PARKER DAY" in San Diego.

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