

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289175

ADOPTED ON SEP 16 1997

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse is a locally based nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming our civil justice system and heightening the awareness of lawsuit abuse throughout the County of San Diego and the entire State of California; and

WHEREAS, according to the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, each lawsuit filed in the State of California costs taxpayers \$500, and a minimum of \$8,000 more if that lawsuit goes to trial; and

WHEREAS, wrongful termination lawsuits have reduced hiring levels in the State between four and five percent, costing California over 650,000 jobs and deterring businesses from locating in California; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of auto related claims in the State of California are believed to be fraudulent or exaggerated, costing responsible California motorists an additional \$250 per year in automobile insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon policy makers and community leaders to cultivate an environment which will accommodate growing industries and as a result of the threat of product liability suits, biotechnical companies in the State of California have delayed or suspended the investment in new technology and new jobs due to liability issues; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse is dedicated towards protecting our fundamental rights to due process of law by eliminating frivolous lawsuits and

encouraging balance, fairness, responsibility and restraint in California's court system through public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse has reported that the California Chamber of Commerce and ninety-six percent of California business leaders agree that the civil justice system is in need of reform; 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 the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse for its commitment to public education regarding the impact of lawsuit abuse on California's economy and consumers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of the San Diego County Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, this Council hereby proclaims the week of September 22 through 26, 1997 to be "**LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK**" in The City of San Diego.

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