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WHEREAS, San Diego, established as a Presidio in 1769, was the first European settlement on the Pacific coast of the United States and remained under the control of Spain until 1821; and

WHEREAS, many San Diego citizens still trace their ancestry to those early San Diegans, which included the Kumeyaay people, Spanish colonialists, Mexican and United States settlers, and other nationalities, all of whom contributed to our rich and unique heritage; and

WHEREAS, public-spirited citizens have contributed to archaeological investigation, preservation and restoration of Spanish colonial buildings, missions, forts, dams and other historical treasures in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the California Council for the Humanities will support a lecture program on the role of the Spanish Missions on October 4-5, and the City will host the 26th Meeting of the Southwest Mission Research Center on October 9-12; and

WHEREAS, during these activities, the citizens of San Diego will have the opportunity to participate in the archaeology, work, lectures, and discussions which recover, review and interpret the history of our City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, does hereby proclaim October 4 through 12, 1997 to be "Spanish Colonial Heritage Week" in San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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