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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289224 ADOPTED ON SEP 3 0 1997

WHEREAS, the 8th Annual AIDS Walk San Diego will be held on Sunday, October 5, 1997 in Balboa Park with over 13,000 participants from throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk is dedicated to those living with HIV/AIDS, those who have passed away from AIDS, and the families and friends who have lost loved ones to the pandemic, and the caregivers and volunteers that provide practical and financial support throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk will conduct a "Celebration of the Spirit" ecumenical service that morning that unites the many different faith organizations and churches that will be participating in the walk; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk is dedicated to supporting community HIV/AIDS programs that address health and human services such as direct care services, case management, practical support and healthcare and other programs that serve the poor, underserved, women, children, youth and people of color and is the single largest fundraiser for HIV/AIDS in San Diego with over \$600,000 raised last year to assist over 30 agencies that provide services for thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk is coordinated by a diverse volunteer Board of Directors, Barbara Blake, Executive Director, a small staff of two and over 750 volunteers; 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 the outstanding contributions that AIDS Walk has made during the past eight years to improve the lives of citizens who are affected by HIV/AIDS and for their efforts to educate and provide HIV/AIDS information to the people of the San Diego region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sunday, October 5, 1997 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "AIDS Walk DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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