

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289440

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WHEREAS, Altamira's cave paintings testify to 17,000 years of human habitation of the Iberian Peninsula, the bastion of Spanish civilization made up of Visigoths and Vandals, Jews and Celts, Basques and Romans, Moors and, upon Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand's conquest of the Alahambra in 1492, Christians; and

WHEREAS, Charles of Habsburg, heir to the Spanish Crown and Holy Roman Emperor, ordered Viceroy Mendoza to send Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo to explore the California coast where, in 1542, his ship landed at the mouth of "a very good harbor" eventually named San Diego in honor of the Spanish monk Saint James, the Patron Saint of Spain; and

WHEREAS, California's first mission and presidio, Mission de San Diego de Alcalá, was built under the auspicious of Father Junipero Serra and Gaspar de Portola, allowing for the building of pueblo San Diego first under Spanish rule then briefly under Mexican rule until California's September 9, 1850 adoption into the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Spanish culture is a fundamental part of San Diego's essence and the World Affairs Council of San Diego is an organization which has fostered a greater understanding of international affairs, world culture and global events for forty years, today recognizes the immeasurable contributions Spain has made to San Diego and the immense pride with which the citizens of our binational region regard our common Spanish heritage; 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, hereby designates November 7, 1997, as "**SALUTE TO SPAIN DAY.**"

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