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WHEREAS, there are an estimated 5,650 homeless individuals within The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,410 shelter beds available for the estimated 5,650 homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals appears to be approximately 3,240; and

WHEREAS, the estimated number of homeless individuals are composed of families, single women, children, youths, seniors, and disabled, which may have their health and safety adversely impacted by being outdoors and unsheltered during rainy or cool evenings; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Council Policy 000-51, "Comprehensive Homeless Policy," which provides guidelines for responding to the needs of the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the City and others desire to respond to the needs of the homeless during the winter of 1997/98 by providing funding to initiate programs and services; and

WHEREAS, there are agencies and others willing to provide the necessary services with just compensation during the winter of 1997/98; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby accepts the City Manager's findings that there do not appear to be adequate shelter beds for the estimated number of homeless persons that reside within The City of San Diego, and therefore

declares, in accordance with Government Code section 8690 et seq. that a shelter emergency exists within The City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sheltering program outlined in City Manager Report No. 97-210, constitutes in part the City's response addressing the declared sheltered emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute agreements and leases, including the acquisition through sole source of "Sprung Structures" associated with implementing the 1997/98 Winter Shelter Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor is hereby authorized to accept contributions and disperse funds that have been committed to the 1997/98 Winter Shelter Program or which may be contributed to the City and designated for the 1997/98 Winter Shelter Program.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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