

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **289819**

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WHEREAS, the ocean affects our daily lives, from providing food, minerals and other natural resources to enabling recreation and transportation, the ocean is a source of life, and what we do has an effect on the ocean; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of the surface of the Earth is covered by water, there is still much to be discovered about this vast resource and its great mysteries that still lie beneath our own oceans; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ocean, of the marine environment and its life-giving resources, and of sustainable development, the United Nations has declared 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean, providing an opportunity for governments, organizations and individuals to raise public awareness of the role the ocean plays in our lives and to initiate changes needed to sustain the marine resources on which we depend; and

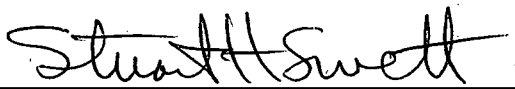
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the International Year of the Ocean to focus the attention of the public and governments on the importance of the ocean and marine environment and highlight ways in which marine resources can be sustained through effective management; and

WHEREAS, within The City of San Diego, several organizations have committed to scientific studies of the oceans and public advocacy on behalf of the environmental condition of the seas: Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, the San Diego Oceans Foundation, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the San Diego Council of Divers, the Surfrider Foundation, and

Surfers Tired Of Pollution (STOP); and they are to be recognized and commended for their outstanding efforts; 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 proclaim 1998 to be **“THE YEAR OF THE OCEAN”** in San Diego, in recognition of one of our most precious natural resources.

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