

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289838

ADOPTED ON MAR 17 1998

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego in 1899, at the urging of Dr. C.C. Parry, who discovered the Torrey Pine tree, and the San Diego Society of Natural History, designated 369 acres of pueblo land as a public park to protect and preserve the rare and valuable trees known as *Pinus torreyana*; and

WHEREAS, from 1908 to 1912, Ellen Browning Scripps, patron of the movement to save the Torrey Pines, purchased privately-owned lots to protect the trees from a planned subdivision adjacent to the City's land; and

WHEREAS, in June 1921, Miss Scripps, with the concurrence of the City Park Commission, appointed Guy Fleming as Custodian and Naturalist of her land as well as official caretaker of the City's portion; and the entire area was designated by the City as the Torrey Pines Reserve; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, Ellen Browning Scripps commissioned and financed the construction of Torrey Pines Lodge as a restaurant for the public to enjoy, which became a popular stopping place for motorists on the only road from Los Angeles to San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Cornell, the landscape architect retained by Ellen Browning Scripps to formulate a long-term plan for the park, chose the high mesa as the site for the Lodge, saying, "both trees and views must be visible;" and he believed that "--Torrey Pines ranks among the natural phenomena and should hold its small, though proud place among our national monuments--"; and

WHEREAS, architects of the Lodge, Richard S. Requa and Herbert Lewis Jackson, leading exponents of the Mission Revival Style, developed modern methods of using ancient building material, adobe blocks, formed from the sand taken from the excavation; and

WHEREAS, the formal presentation of the Torrey Pines Lodge was made to the City on April 7, 1923 by J.C. Harper on behalf of Ellen Browning Scripps; and Judge Henry C. Ryan, chairman of the Park Board, accepted the gift and dedicated it to the citizens of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Pines Lodge, once a restaurant, now houses the ranger staff offices, interpretive museum and the Torrey Pines Docent Society; and today, over a million visitors a year enjoy the wonders of Torrey Pines State Reserve thanks to those farsighted citizens who saved the land from destruction; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council recognizes the historic Lodge at Torrey Pines State Reserve, which has been an important attraction for worldwide visitors as an Interpretive Center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge at Torrey Pines State Reserve, April 7, 1998 is hereby proclaimed to be "**Lodge at Torrey Pines State Reserve Day**" in The City of San Diego.

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