

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289865

ADOPTED ON MAR 24 1998

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine, internationally renowned performer, lyricist, recording star, and Point Loma resident, has devoted a life of 85 years to the art of musical entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine has supported the Musicians Emergency Fund through his free performances at Jazz Performa Concerts in San Diego, Phoenix, and Santa Ana; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine has demonstrated his concern for the less privileged of San Diego through his founding of the Salvation Army's "Frankie Laine Old Shoes Program," and has provided opportunities to young aspiring musicians through his endorsement of The Salvation Army Music Camp; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Frankie Laine received the San Diego Nice Guys' Award, and in 1996 the International Organization of Singers/Songwriters Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine's largesse enabled Mercy Hospital and Medical Center to refurbish its main lobby, which in 1994 was dedicated in loving memory of his late wife, the actress Nan Gray; and

WHEREAS, "Reader's Digest," in tribute to his enduring popularity, released a special CD entitled "Frankie Laine's Greatest Hits;" and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine's benevolence created scholarships for the Performing Arts Department at Palomar College, further increasing musical opportunities for the young people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine's 1993 autobiography, "Lucky Old Son," reflects his lifelong passion for music, love of family and friends, and the creative vitality that led to 21 gold records; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, at age 84, Frankie Laine recorded on CD an inspiring and euphonious rendition of "Wheels of A Dream," the love song from "Ragtime," the Broadway smash hit; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Frankie Laine gave a concert at 4th and B and donated the proceeds to help defer expenses for the surgery of siamese twins at Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1998, over 100 Frankie Laine Fan Club members will travel to San Diego from far and wide to honor him on his 85th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Laine is a kind and compassionate man with a wonderful sense of humor and a keen wit; his soulful, sonorous ballads have changed the face of popular music in America, and have inspired millions all over the world, and his music will linger in our hearts and minds and his legend will live forever; 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 March 30, 1998, to be "**FRANKIE LAINE DAY**" in The City of San Diego.

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