

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289896

ADOPTED ON MAR 31 1998

WHEREAS, Kate Sessions, the woman often referred to as "the mother of Balboa Park," will be honored in April 1998, when a life-sized bronze statue is unveiled in Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, the unveiling ceremony on April 1, 1998, will be attended by City officials, historians, floral and plant societies, and citizens and will also serve as the opening of a month-long flower festival in Balboa Park called "Buds 'n' Blooms," sponsored by The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Kate Sessions became the official "City Gardener," and in 1892, under contract with The City of San Diego, began planting more than 100 trees a year in the park and contributed more than 300 trees to the beautification of the city; and

WHEREAS, during her long career in San Diego as a world-recognized horticulturalist, florist, nurserywoman and landscape designer, Kate Sessions imported, introduced, propagated and popularized hundreds of trees, palms, vines, shrubs and succulents; and

WHEREAS, Kate Sessions left a tangible and enduring legacy to the San Diego community which continues to enrich the daily lives of all citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of San Diego citizens and decision-makers agree that a statue honoring Kate Sessions's contributions to the development of Balboa Park and to the quality of life in all of San Diego is long overdue; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the remarkable accomplishments, life and legacy of Kate Sessions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of April, 1998 is hereby proclaimed to be "**Kate Sessions Month**" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By Stuart H. Swett

Stuart H. Swett.

Deputy City Attorney

SHS:smf

01/28/98

02/11/98 COR. COPY

Or.Dept:Council-Kehoe

R-98-862

Form=proclaim.res