

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290000

ADOPTED ON MAY 04 1998

WHEREAS, Mingei International Museum at its Anniversary Dinner on Friday, May 22, 1998 celebrates twenty years of exhibiting "arts of the people;" and

WHEREAS, Mingei International Museum's mission as a non-profit public foundation is to further the understanding of arts of people from all cultures of the world and convey the direct simplicity and joy in making of these useful articles, many of which are for everyday use in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Mingei International Museum's Founder and Director, Martha Longenecker, Professor of Art Emeritus, San Diego State University, has led the museum from its early stages to a spectacular new 41,000 square-foot facility on the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park with a permanent collection now numbering more than 10,000 art objects from eighty countries and supported by over 200 volunteers and a professional staff of twenty; and

WHEREAS, Mingei International Museum recently completed a \$7.5 million capital campaign for designing, constructing, equipping and endowing the new facility under the organized leadership of Mingei International Museum's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mingei International Museum in its first two decades has organized and presented seventy-three major exhibitions, some of which have reached a nationwide audience and are supplemented by a reference library of books, films, videotapes and photographs; 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 commend Mingei International Museum for twenty years of presenting quality visual arts and education to the San Diego community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 5, 1998 is hereby proclaimed to be "**Mingei International Museum Day**" in The City of San Diego.

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