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WHEREAS, of all the promises America offers, none is more precious than the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our security and well being; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 10, 1998, "National Police Week" is observed throughout the nation to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibilities and tremendous dedication our nation's peace officers continually demonstrate; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this important observance, the 14th of May is observed as San Diego Peace Officers' Memorial Day in commemoration of those officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, these special observances provide an opportunity for the community to acknowledge the heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding public safety; and

WHEREAS, all San Diego law enforcement agencies and the community at large were deeply saddened by the loss of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Stephen C. Starch this past year and will pay special tribute to him on Peace Officers' Memorial Day; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims May 14, 1998, to be "PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY" in San Diego, and encourages all custodians of City buildings to fly their flags at half-mast in recognition of those

who have given their lives, and urges all citizens to recognize those who continue to dedicate themselves to making San Diego a safer place to live.

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