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ADOPTED ON ___JUN 1 5 1998___

WHEREAS, in 1983, William "Bill" Lazar started two softball teams made up of 20 or so "old geezers" who played regularly at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center, which eventually evolved into one of the first senior softball leagues, the Pacific Beach Softball Association; and

WHEREAS, today, senior softball in San Diego has grown to include nine teams with over 1500 active members between the ages of 55 and 83, making San Diego the nation's "Capital of Senior Softball"; and

WHEREAS, amid an environment of true athletic competition, these local softball players vie amongst themselves for honors and distinction on what was originally dubbed the "Fields of Screams" by well-seasoned veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Committee for Senior Softball in San Diego was recently formed to explore the possibility of making San Diego the home of the "World's Finest Senior Softball Tournaments" with competition among teams from Detroit, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Phoenix, and other major cities; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Committee for Senior Softball in San Diego to realize the full economic and recreational benefits of this sport, particularly at locations such as the former Naval Training Center; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate their love of the sport, hundreds of senior softball enthusiasts, their families and friends will be in attendance on June 17, 1998, during the National Baseball League game between the fabulous San Diego Padres and the dreaded Los Angeles Dodgers;

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 June 17, 1998 to be **"SENIOR SOFTBALL DAY"** in San Diego, in recognition of a truly ageless passion of an enjoyable, wholesome and healthy American sport.

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