

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290708

ADOPTED ON SEP 14 1998

WHEREAS, on January 23, 1968, the USS PUEBLO (AGER-2) was attacked and boarded by North Korean forces in international waters off the Korean peninsula; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this unprovoked attack, one American sailor was killed and 10 others were wounded, and the USS PUEBLO was seized and its crew imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, during the eleven months that ensued following their incarceration, the men of the PUEBLO suffered unspeakable treatment at the hands of their communist captors; and

WHEREAS, back in the United States, during the turbulent and tragic events that shaped 1968, many Americans, especially the families and friends of the USS PUEBLO crew members, demanded their government take greater, more decisive action to deliver these men from the intolerable conditions under which they were being held; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 1968, after months of negotiations by the United States, 82 surviving crew members of the USS PUEBLO walked through the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea and across the 'Bridge of No Return' to freedom; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Department of Defense recognized the ordeal suffered by the crew members of the USS PUEBLO by awarding them each the Prisoner of War Medal; and

WHEREAS, these former prisoners of war will again meet on September 26, 1998 at the Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, California, to commemorate their survival and celebrate the 30th anniversary of their deliverance from North Korea; 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 Saturday, September 26, 1998 to be "USS PUEBLO DAY " in San Diego, in recognition of the crew's courage and sacrifice in the face of incredible adversity.

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