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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290761

ADOPTED ON **SEP 2 9 1998**

WHEREAS, the AIDS epidemic has now entered its 17th year worldwide and has claimed thousands of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and friends, and many thousands more continue to battle day to day with HIV, and despite drugs that extend and improve the quality of life of those infected, there is no "AIDS cure" in sight; and

WHEREAS, in the face of dwindling HIV and AIDS funding from government sources, AIDS Walk San Diego was founded in 1990 with a mission to assist local AIDS and HIV organizations in improving the quality of life for individuals living with HIV and AIDS in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1998, AIDS Walk San Diego has worked diligently to fulfill this mission by raising more than \$3 million, thereby creating a vital financial source of support for local HIV and AIDS agencies and their clients; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk San Diego in 1997 attracted 15,000 walkers and raised \$520,000, and now with a reinvigorated and aggressive Board of Directors strives toward a goal of raising \$1 million in a single year; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk San Diego on October 4th, 1998 will again bring thousands of San Diegans together to raise money for HIV and AIDS services in San Diego County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that Sunday, October 4th, 1998 be declared "AIDS WALK DAY" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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