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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290986

ADOPTED ON NOV 24 1998

WHEREAS, the San Diego Society of Natural History was established in 1874, and is the oldest scientific institution in Southern California and the second oldest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Natural History Museum, which opened in 1920 in Balboa Park, is operated by the San Diego Society of Natural History and is focused on becoming the leading scientific and environmental education institution in the study of the environments in Baja California and Southern California, through its Biodiversity Research Center of the Californias and its Environmental Science Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Natural History Museum, has as its mission to interpret the natural world through research, education, and exhibits to promote understanding of the evolution of and diversity of Southern California and the Peninsula of Baja California; and to inspire in all people respect for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Natural History Museum celebrates the expansion and renovation of the "Museum of the 21st Century" in an official groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, November 15, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the groundbreaking will initiate a two-year building program to increase the museum's floor space from 65,000 square feet to 145,000 square feet, and more than double facilities for research, scientific collections, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the San Diego Natural History Museum is the result of years of dedication and planning by the Museum's Board of Trustees, and the Executive Director Dr. Michael Hager; 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 and congratulate the San Diego Natural History Museum on the occasion of its groundbreaking for the expansion of the "Museum of the 21st Century."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 15, 1998 is hereby proclaimed to be "**San Diego Natural History Museum Day**" in The City of San Diego.

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