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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291237

ADOPTED ON FEB 01 1999

WHEREAS, Marge O'Donnell arrived in San Diego, California in 1943 and, as part of the war effort, supplied Navy pilots with flight suits, leather jackets and gloves at the NAS North Island; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Marge enlisted in Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential bid, and joined his campaign staff in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Marge became Field Representative to U.S. Representative Bob Wilson, serving the people of California's 41st Congressional District, and later the 43rd Congressional District, eventually becoming Representative Wilson's Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Marge retired after twenty-eight years of federal service in 1980 when Congressman Wilson left office, but has remained active in local political organizations, particularly the San Diego Republican Women Federated; and

WHEREAS, Marge is a Life Member of the Salvation Army National Advisory Board, an honor bestowed to only a few Americans; and

WHEREAS, Marge started the joint Navy and Marine Corps 'Toys for Tots' drive in San Diego and ran it from 1954 to 1974, when KGTV Channel 10's "Captain Mike" Ambrose took the helm of this holiday tradition; 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 Thursday, February 4, 1999 to be "MARGE O'DONNELL DAY" in San Diego, in recognition of her life time achievements.

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