RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291403

ADOPTED ON MAR 2 9 1999

WHEREAS, the San Diego Comic Opera will celebrate 20 consecutive years of providing musical and theatrical productions to the "widest possible audience;" and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Comic Opera mission as a non-profit public foundation is to provide a regional model for the production of Comic Opera, Operetta and Musical Theater that develops new generations of artists and audiences to the people throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Comic Opera has in its first two decades produced a broad scope of work dating from composers from the early 18th Century to such modern Broadway classics as Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" at their performance space at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park with the support of a professional staff and over 130 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Comic Opera has maintained a commitment to outreach and education through their Comic Opera Cavalcade which produces yearly touring shows that present performances to over 20,000 students every year at area schools, and the "Partnerships in Education Program" which provides young people the opportunity to work with professionals on school productions, participating in career day seminars and provide students the opportunity to assist with main stage activities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to involvement with elementary schools, the San Diego Comic Opera also provides outreach to high school, collegiate and post graduate students through their Apprentice Artist Program which allows students to interact and work along side with

professionals in an actual theatrical production; 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 the San Diego Comic Opera for 20 years of presenting quality performing arts and education to the San Diego community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 24, 1999 is hereby proclaimed to be "The San Diego Comic Opera Day" in The City of San Diego.

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Deputy City Attorney

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