(R-99-1096)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-**291453**

ADOPTED ON ___APR 12 1999___

WHEREAS, David Thompson, a nationally recognized leader in traffic safety, has been active in vehicle safety for more than 40 years, serving as the Executive Director of the San Diego Safety Council for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson is a strong proponent of seat belt installation in passenger vehicles and was instrumental in California's adoption of mandatory seat belt and child safety seat laws; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson created the Buckle Up San Diego program to promote the use of seat belts and safety seats, provide safety restraint education and incentives through programs for schools, youth associations, business, and other organizations, and offer instruction on proper safety restraint usage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson directed the Buckle Up San Diego program for eight years and received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 1997 "Award for Public Service" in recognition of over four decades of involvement in vehicle safety programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has played a pivotal role in increasing seat belt usage in San Diego from 14% in 1984 to 59%; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's contributions to our safety are immeasurable and enduring, and his tireless efforts have been directly responsible for the prevention of untold thousands of deaths and injuries through the state and the nation over the past five decades; 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, hereby recognizes David Thompson for his outstanding efforts as "The Father of Traffic Safety," and expresses appreciation for his unwavering service and dedication to our community and, to our safety and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 12, 1999 is hereby proclaimed to be **"David Thompson Day"** in San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By _____
Stuart H. Swett.
Deputy City Attorney

SHS:smf
04/02/99
Or.Dept:Mayor
R-99-1096
Form=proclaim.res

R- **291453**