

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **291465**

ADOPTED ON **APR 12 1999**

WHEREAS, the citizens of San Diego stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, literacy is an important skill that must be nurtured in the individual, in the workplace, in the community and especially within the family; and

WHEREAS, the level of literacy needed to function in the workplace, the community and the home has risen steadily with the advance of technology and the information age; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District and The San Diego Union-Tribune, San Diego READS Literacy Campaign has been established to provide books to classroom and school libraries, and to recruit and train volunteers as reading tutors to improve student achievement throughout the city school system; 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 1999 to be **"The Year of Literacy"** in San Diego while recognizing the noble mission of San Diego READS Literacy Campaign.

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