

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291741

ADOPTED ON JUN 08 1999

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established a Prosecutor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the mission of the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Criminal Division is to protect the safety and quality of life of the people of San Diego by intervening to stop criminal conduct at the misdemeanor level; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) aggressive, just, and effective prosecution; (2) early intervention and proactive lawyering; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 1998 Prosecutor of the Year Award, Joan Dawson, has been selected by the Office Management Team from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Joan served as a 1994 Summer Legal Intern and 1995 fall Senior Legal Intern and became a Criminal Division Deputy City Attorney in December 1995; and

WHEREAS, Joan is a conscientious, model prosecutor who dedicates long hours to ensure that offenders are held accountable for their conduct and receive appropriate punishment and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Joan's involvement with Drug Court not only protects the safety and quality of life of San Diegans, but has brought her national acclaim including being selected to be a drug court trainer at the national level; and

WHEREAS, Joan coordinates many outside community events on behalf of the City

Attorney's Office including feeding the homeless, sitting at job fairs, participating in mock trials at elementary schools, and at high schools and coordinating a job shadow program; and

WHEREAS, Joan participates in new deputy training and recently spent many hours helping prepare the Criminal Division Performance Report; 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 and commends Joan Dawson on the occasion of her selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 1998 Prosecutor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 8, 1999 is hereby proclaimed to be **"JOAN DAWSON DAY"** in The City of San Diego.

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