RESOLUTION NUMBER R- __291750__

ADOPTED ON __JUN 0 8 1999__

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day," and is a time of solemn remembrance for those who died in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Day holiday was first proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers; and

WHEREAS, beginning at the turn of the 20th Century, the Veterans Memorial Day Committee has voluntarily organized and hosted consecutive Memorial Day Ceremonies for the past ninety-nine years at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on Point Loma, in San Diego California; and

WHEREAS, in pledging to perpetuate the annual observance and memorialization of the service of our armed forces who gave their lives in defense of our freedom, we are reminded that liberty comes at a high cost; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Memorial Day, miniature Unites States flags are traditionally used to decorate the graves of the fallen, and the public is reminded that when flying a full-size flag, it should be at half-staff until noon, in accordance to the U.S. Flag Code (36 U.S. Code 10); and

WHEREAS, for over the last 150 years, the United States military has maintained a strong and influential presence in San Diego, including nine Navy and Marine Corps installations, a Coast Guard station and eight major commands situated in the San Diego region;

and more than 60 ships or nearly a third of the Pacific Fleet are home ported here; 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 Monday, May 31, 1999 to be **"SAN DIEGO VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY"** in recognition of those valiant men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country.

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