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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291768

ADOPTED ON ______JUN 2 1 1999

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego conducted a Winter Shelter Program within the City this past winter which served approximately 5,000 homeless individuals and family members; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego, in partnership with the nonprofit social service community and along with other governmental entities, provided a variety of services to assist the homeless in making positive changes in their lives; and

WHEREAS, one of those services was a WARRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM conducted by the legal profession and representatives from Saint Vincent de Paul Village and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the legal profession and the social service agencies assisted those desiring to make changes in their lives by clearing outstanding warrants from their records by providing services which went beyond normal expectations by contributing significant hours of personal time to assist those who were in need; and

WHEREAS, some eighty-two individuals who stayed in the Winter Shelter Program were counseled and assisted in clearing up legal matters which prevented them from gaining employment and services; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable David J. Danielsen of the Superior Court along with other court personnel and assisted by the San Diego City Attorney Office, the Public Defender Office, and representatives from Saint Vincent de Paul Village and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, Inc. conducted a court on March 17, 1999 to assist the eighty-two individuals who sought assistance; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the effort by all concerned some seventy-eight offenses were addressed by the court and appropriate actions taken thus assisting those who sought assistance to begin the process of reentering society and becoming productive citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby commends the following men and women of the legal profession and staff of Saint Vincent de Paul Village and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, Inc. for their efforts to assist San Diego's homeless clear outstanding warrants, which prevent them from gaining employment and services, to begin the process of becoming once again respected citizens of our community:

City Attorney's Office:

Casey Gwinn, Susan Heath, Hilda R. Mendoza, Sandra Bankhead, Nancy Al-Hibshi, Novell Riley, Laurie Russell, Cortisa Singleton

Court:

Honorable David Danielsen, Bridgette Scott, Suzy Escueda, Rochelle Salas Vanessa Logan, D. Kent Petersen, Judy Stenberg, Lori Brown

Public Defender's Office:

Steve Carroll, Juliana Humphrey, Bill Trainor, Connie Magana, Steve Binder, Rick Crawford, Alex Balvaneda, Richard Castellanos, Pat Radburn, Carol Matttert

Nonprofit Agencies:

Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, Inc. - Andre Simpson Saint Vincent de Paul Village - Mona Taylor

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Stuart H. Swett.

Deputy City Attorney

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