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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291874

ADOPTED ON JUN 28 1999

WHEREAS, California's state, regional, and local parks serve as recreational, social, and cultural centers for California's communities; providing important venues for youth enrichment and safety; community identity, protection of natural and historic sites, parkland and open space; and

WHEREAS, the state's commitment to state, regional, and local parks has dwindled over the last decade thereby California and its communities have not kept pace with the needed funding for rehabilitation, development, and acquisition; and

WHEREAS, during this same period of diminished funding for state, regional and local parks, California's citizens have increased their visits to state and local parks; and

WHEREAS, California is known for its incredible natural resources of open space, mountains, rivers, coastline, and forests that positively impact the state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, California is largely an urban state where it is projected the state's population will continue to grow by 18 million by 2020; thereby placing more pressure on existing parkland and facilities; and

WHEREAS, California's economy is dependent upon maintaining a high quality of life that includes attractive and safe public park and recreation facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the last statewide park bond was passed in 1988; and

WHEREAS, AB 18, introduced by Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa and Assembly member Fred Keeley, will provide \$1.5 billion for state and local park projects to

preserve our natural heritage and allow urban areas to expand much needed recreation facilities that serve children, youth, and senior; and

WHEREAS, AB 18 will provide funding for local agencies statewide through per capita grant program of \$250 million; \$250 million in grants for park and recreation facilities per the Robert-Z'berg-Harris Act; \$10 million in grants for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration and enhancement of public access to lakes, rivers and reservoirs; \$10 million in grants for trails; \$38 million in grants for urban recreational and cultural centers, including but not limited to zoos and aquariums; and \$7.5 million to State Department of Parks and Recreation for regional soccer facilities; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council supports the passage of AB 18, the Villaraigosa-Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, and encourages the State Assembly, State Senate, and Governor Gray Davis place this before the voters in November 2000.

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