

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291875

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WHEREAS, in 1979, the City Council of the City of San Diego brought together disparate housing programs into one newly formed agency — the San Diego Housing Commission — in order to provide visibility and flexibility to promote comprehensive and innovative affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, during those twenty years of service, the Housing Commission has provided quality housing opportunities for approximately a half million San Diegans — helping to revitalize neighborhoods and improve the economy; and

WHEREAS, in achieving these goals, the Housing Commission has won numerous national awards and honors, including: a high-performance rating each year from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; the first-ever Award of Excellence for Enduring Design from the National Association of Redevelopment Officials; awards for community consensus building for the development of Knox Glen Apartments; and the Small Business Association/Chamber of Commerce's Welfare-to-Work Entrepreneur of the Year honors won by a Commission client; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission's approach to developing and managing its 1,860 public housing units has earned critical acclaim and national awards in recognition of the agency's scattered housing site philosophy and dedication to excellence in the design and maintenance of its properties; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission has helped over 8,000 families rehabilitate their homes, and has helped more than 3,100 low to moderate income families purchase their first home; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission has invested billions of dollars in the San Diego economy, including more than \$600 million provided to rental property owners for rental assistance on behalf of impoverished San Diego families, elderly and disabled persons; \$515

million in bonds issued for the development of approximately 10,000 apartments, including 3,000 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Housing Commission has enlisted the cooperation of thousands of rental owners, developers, and other partners over the last twenty years to help the Commission achieve its varied and challenging goals; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission's Resident Services department operates programs which have set national standards to assist residents in achieving self-sufficiency, and it has established learning opportunity centers at six public housing sites; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission employs nearly 240 experienced and talented staff members — many of whom have honored the Commission by continuing in its employ for over a decade — including fifteen employees who have been with the agency since its inception twenty years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission has benefitted from the extensive experience provided by dozens of volunteer Board members over the past twenty years; NOW  
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims July 1, 1999, to be "SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION DAY" in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the San Diego Housing Commission, and commends the Commission for its outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions to our community.

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