

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291888

ADOPTED ON JUL 19 1999

WHEREAS, lesbian and gay San Diegans are commemorating their community's rich history of courage, spirit, achievement, and activism, and marking the 25th Anniversary of their annual celebration with San Diego Lesbian & Gay Pride 25!, aptly titled "Celebrate the Past, Create the Future;" and

WHEREAS, this annual event running from July 19 through July 25 this year and culminating in a rally, parade, festival, and concert promises to be the biggest and brightest celebration to date, with an estimated attendance of 150,000 people at the weekend's activities; and

WHEREAS, each year the parade and festival draw an ever-increasing number of San Diegans and visitors to Hillcrest and Balboa Park, with more than 100,000 exuberant spectators lining last year's parade route; and

WHEREAS, lesbian and gay individuals have made valuable contributions in areas that include business and commerce, arts and culture, the military, community volunteerism and leadership, religion, medicine, law, athletics, and education to name a few; and

WHEREAS, lesbian and gay people continue to lead the larger community in addressing and remedying the many problems posed by the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and

WHEREAS, lesbian and gay individuals have long championed the rights and freedoms of all people; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby encourage all people to share in the pride of our diverse citizenry, to unite harmoniously in the bonds of community and shared aspiration, and to recognize the many civic contributions of our lesbian and gay children, parents, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and their organizations, families, and supporters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of July 19 to 25, 1999, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE WEEK**" in The City of San Diego.

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