

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292112

ADOPTED ON SEP 14 1999

WHEREAS, USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for competitive swimming in the United States that selects athletes to represent the United States in international competition, including the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming recognizes the problem of the underserved and unserved groups in the sport of swimming at all levels, which is illustrated by the fact that a USA Olympic swim team has never included an African American; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming recognizes that swimming is more than a recreational sport and that drowning is the leading cause of accidental death of children less than 15 years old and that drowning among African Americans is two to three times as high as that among whites; and

WHEREAS, in response to these concerns, the USA Swimming Outreach Committee was formed with the mission to promote competitive swimming opportunities for disadvantaged and underrepresented youth; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming is working with the City of San Diego Lifeguard Service, City Pools, and other community organizations to achieve this mission and is implementing creative recruitment strategies, making grant funds available to expand youth swimming opportunities, and reducing annual fees for Outreach applicants from \$35 to \$5 a year; and

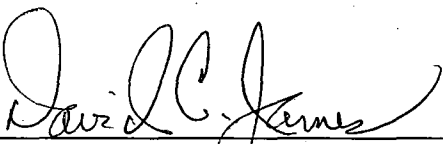
WHEREAS, USA Swimming recognizes the need to educate and increase awareness of the value of swimming in the underserved communities, by supporting the development and utilization of positive role models and elite athletes, such as Byron Davis, Sabir Mohammad, and

Alison Terry to reach targeted groups; and

WHEREAS, this past weekend USA Swimming held the US Olympic Cup Swim Meet in San Diego, and with the City of San Diego Lifeguard Service, was able to expose 30 new urban swim team members to international level competitors; NOW THEREFORE

B E 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 recognize and commend the USA Swimming Outreach program for their service and dedication in reaching the underrepresented members of our community and hereby proclaims September 14, 1999, as "USA Swimming Outreach Day" in The City of San Diego.

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