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WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park will reopen to the public on Tuesday, September 21, 1999, after nearly a year of major improvement and expansion of the garden and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden expansion includes a major redesign of the entry to the garden with a new Tea Pavilion with vistas into the adjacent canyon and an open air plaza which serves as a gathering place for many visitors to Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden is carefully planned to symbolize the landscape of the outside world and the new garden includes extensive landscaping of rare trees and plants, a meandering waterfall, koi pond, and a new administration building that includes a library and classrooms for educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Friendship Garden's mission is to promote understanding of Japanese culture through presentations of many disciplines and cultural arts, and to exemplify the harmony and the special relationship between man and nature; 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 commend the Japanese Friendship Garden Board of Directors, volunteers and staff for showcasing and presenting the beauty of Japanese culture to the San Diego community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 21, 1999, is hereby proclaimed to be "Japanese Friendship Garden Day" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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