

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292292

ADOPTED ON OCT 05 1999

WHEREAS, we gather today to honor the dedication, commitment and achievement of Carol Sing, a woman whose triumphant journey through the cold, treacherous waters of the English Channel captured the hearts and souls of San Diegans on August 20, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the unsinkable Carol Sing has joined the ranks of San Diego's legendary swimmer Florence Chadwick by becoming the oldest woman to swim the 23.69 miles from the White Cliffs of Dover at Shakespeare Beach in England to Cap Gris-Nez in France in a record time of 12 hours and 32 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the historic pull of the English Channel has produced fewer than 900 successful crossings since 1875 when recorded attempts began; and

WHEREAS, the gutsy and tenacious Carol Sing's journey began on August 12, 1997, when she became the oldest woman in history to swim the Catalina Channel in a record time of 10 hours and 38 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Carol Sing's stunning demonstrations of athletic prowess and tenacity could not have been accomplished without her personal miracle drink of diluted Gatorade, Royal Bee jelly and caterpillar fungus; and

WHEREAS, the many faces of Carol Sing - mother, teacher, friend, San Diego Police Reserve Officer, coach, and Mother Ocean - gives true meaning to the term *Woman Extraordinaire*; and

WHEREAS, Carol Sing has provided a treasure of information to hundreds of children by teaching water survival skills in her backyard pool, coaching junior varsity swimming at Valhalla High School, and living the belief that the greatest good one can do for another is not just to share your riches but reveal to others their own; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring the many fine individuals throughout the region who devote themselves to serving others and Carol Sing is one such individual; 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 recognize Carol Sing for her splendid accomplishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 20, 1999 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "Carol Sing Day" in The City of San Diego in recognition of her incredible dedication to the journey of a lifetime.

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