

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292630

ADOPTED ON JAN 10 2000

WHEREAS, the San Diego Museum of Man Permanent Collections has acquired the Juan Quezada Collection of Ceramic Art; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the Mata Ortiz ceramic art movement, Juan Quezada is an internationally known artist whose work now resides in collections in the United States, Mexico, Europe, and Japan, and he is the originator of an artistic movement that has altered the social and economic life of Mata Ortiz, his small village in northern Chihuahua, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenon that he initiated has attracted academic interest and graduate students from a number of universities who travel to Mata Ortiz to conduct master's and doctoral research; and

WHEREAS, not content with his artistic and technological accomplishments, Juan was concerned for his village as well, and proved to be a natural teacher, and in conveying his potter's art to other village members, he has guaranteed that the new tradition will continue; today over 300 villagers derive the greater part of their income from making ceramics; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the outstanding artistic and cultural contributions of Juan Quezada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that January 14, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be

"Juan Quezada Day" in The City of San Diego.

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