

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292763

ADOPTED ON FEB 22 2000

WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans suffer from some form of cardiovascular disease, and heart disease is the leading cause of death among both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for at least 200,000 people each year, under current assessment regimens such as cholesterol level measurements and stress testing, the first, last and only symptom of coronary artery disease is a fatal heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Electron Beam Computed Tomography [EBCT], scanning technology has been developed and refined so that reliable measurements of calcium in the coronary arteries can be made, thus giving physicians an earlier indication of atherosclerotic plaque in otherwise asymptomatic patients; and

WHEREAS, EBCT is a non-invasive, office procedure which costs a fraction of an angiogram, and presents less risk to patients, and provides immediate feedback to the patient and physician in developing an early treatment program which will significantly reduce the risk of heart attack in the future; and

WHEREAS, HealthScan of La Jolla is an early pioneer in bringing EBCT scanning technology to San Diego. HealthScan of La Jolla officially opens its doors to the San Diego community this month and, as part of its opening, has launched a campaign to raise awareness in San Diego of heart disease as a significant health risk to San Diegans; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council on behalf of the City of San Diego, hereby recognizes and congratulates HealthScan of La Jolla as an early pioneer in bringing EBCT technology to San Diego for early detection of heart disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "HEART MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

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