

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292803

ADOPTED ON MAR 06 2000

WHEREAS, mental retardation is a condition which affects an estimated 36,000 San Diegans both young and old, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the most effective weapons for alleviation of the serious problems associated with mental retardation are public knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the potential for citizens with mental retardation to function more independently and productively must be fostered; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March, 140,000 members through 1,100 state and local chapters of The Arc, a national organization on mental retardation, are forging employment, education, and fund-raising campaigns under private sector initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of San Diego is celebrating 49 years of dedicated service to our individuals and families; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council, of The City of San Diego, that the month of March 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be "**MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH**" in San Diego, and urges all San Diegans to give their full support to help efforts towards enabling people with mental retardation to live meaningful lives and achieve their fullest potential.

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