

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292852

ADOPTED ON MAR 13 2000

WHEREAS, the Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, March 4, 2000; and

WHEREAS, after more than ten years of careful planning and fundraising, the Board of Trustees, community volunteers and staff will reopen MOPA's doors after a year of construction to renovate and expand the museum in the Casa de Balboa in Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Board of Trustees and Arthur Ollman, Director of MOPA, this reopening would not have been possible without the generous support of private donors, charitable and corporate foundations who contributed a total of \$7 million towards the Capital Campaign to make the expansion a reality; and

WHEREAS, this grand reopening marks a major milestone in MOPA's history after fifteen years of dedication to preserving the printed and moving photographic image and providing educational opportunities to the citizens, especially children of The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, MOPA's expanded facility will include major expansion of the photography exhibition galleries, the addition of a state-of-the-art 250-seat motion picture theater, the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater, and the David C. Copley Atrium, all of which will be able to accommodate major exhibitions and screenings that will reach a nationwide audience; and

WHEREAS, the expanded facility will also include extensive support space that includes

climate controlled storage areas for archival material, photographic prints and other fragile objects that are part of MOPA's permanent collection, an advanced fire protection system and expanded administrative offices; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize and commend the outstanding artistic and educational contributions that the Board of Trustees, volunteers and staff of MOPA have made to the citizens of San Diego.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 4, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "Museum of Photographic Arts Day" in The City of San Diego.

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