

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293017

ADOPTED ON APR 17 2000

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" is a nonprofit volunteer organization with over 265 affiliates nationwide, composed of civic, community service groups, labor organizations and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" brings joy to the lives of low income, elderly and disabled homeowners on fixed incomes whose major investment is found in their homes but who are unable to restore and maintain them in a suitable condition; and

WHEREAS, "Christmas in April" efforts nationwide have rehabilitated 47,000 homes, involving 1.4 million volunteers, with a market value of the repairs in excess of \$390 million since 1989; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1800 volunteers are expected to gather in San Diego on Saturday, April 8, 2000; and

WHEREAS, 30 work crews will then fan out to preselected homes and nonprofit centers throughout San Diego County to work side by side with skilled tradespeople to paint, clean-up, mow lawns, remove weeds and debris, and perform repairs and preventative maintenance on the homes of fellow citizens who need a helping hand so they may live in warmth, safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, this program is offered without any cost or obligation to the recipients, and is conceived as a gift from the groups and individuals in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, thus reinforcing the idea of "Christmas in April;" and

WHEREAS , this is the fifth straight year that San Diego has participated in "Christmas in April;" 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 these volunteers, the sponsoring organizations and the tremendous difference they make in the lives of their neighbors for the betterment of San Diego as America's Finest City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Saturday, April 8, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DAY**" in The City of San Diego

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