

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293019

ADOPTED ON APR 17 2000

WHEREAS, San Diego READS, in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, is entering its second year of a historic, community-wide campaign to improve literacy in San Diego schools; and

WHEREAS, San Diego READS is addressing this critical need by recruiting community members to donate money for new and gently used books, and volunteer as read aloud volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of San Diego READS is to place 1.24 million new and gently used books into classroom and school libraries—roughly 200 books for each of the district's 6,200 classrooms, and to recruit and train 2,000 volunteer reading tutors by 2001; and

WHEREAS, since April 1999, San Diego READS has placed more than 600,000 new and gently used books in school classrooms and libraries, allocated more than \$2.4 million to schools for the purchase of 400,000 new books, recruited 1,058 volunteers, and since September 1999 placed more than 300 read-aloud tutors in classrooms at 102 schools; and

WHEREAS, a broad cross-section of community and education representatives, including school district staff, businesses, community groups, and higher education personnel have collaborated to achieve the goals of San Diego READS; and

WHEREAS, San Diego READS has enlisted the financial support of 10 major sponsors committed to improve student achievement, and received hundreds of donations ranging from \$1 to \$1 million; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding commitment of San Diego READS and the community organizations and individuals who have worked together to improve literacy among San Diego schoolchildren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 24, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO READS DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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