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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293031

ADOPTED ON MAY 1 2000

WHEREAS, the Fern Street Circus, which holds the distinction as the only professional circus in San Diego, was founded in 1990 by John Highkin and Cindy Zimmerman, and is celebrating its 10th anniversary in the year 2000 as a theatrical and educational circus ensemble with a special emphasis on community building, creating jobs for artists, and providing opportunities for creative expression for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Fern Street Circus is committed to creating the finest original circus performance possible, providing quality entertainment at affordable rates to under-served neighborhoods, and teaching children motor skills, discipline, self-worth, and the joy of learning; and

WHEREAS, the Fern Street Circus has worked collaboratively with the Golden Hill Recreation Center since 1993 teaching circus and is considered a model program by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, and the California Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, the Fern Street Circus has extended in-school residencies, teaching circus skills and providing consultation in parade-making skills, and a collaboration with Young Audiences has performed specifically for school groups as a center piece of Balboa Park field trips, and

WHEREAS, the Fern Street Circus will be celebrating its tenth season of circus performance on May 27, 2000 in Balboa Park; 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 the outstanding contributions that Fern Street Circus has made to improving the lives of our children and their families in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of May 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**Fern Street Circus Month**" in The City of San Diego.

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