

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293103

ADOPTED ON MAY 15 2000

WHEREAS, Ben Dillingham is a longtime community philanthropist, activist and volunteer who has given selflessly of his time, energy and personal assets to help create a better San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Ben Dillingham came to San Diego in 1971 as a First Lieutenant with the United States Marine Corps and was quickly promoted to Captain; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service with the Marine Corps he was awarded the Bronze Star for Vietnam Service and the Army Commendation Medal for his review work on the XM-1 Main Battle Tank; and

WHEREAS, following his service to the Marine Corps, Ben Dillingham returned to San Diego in 1977, embarking on a successful career serving both the private and public sector, most notably as a senior financial analyst with General Dynamics, director of administration and controller of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, chief of staff to San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor, and chief financial officer with Patient Care, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 23 years in San Diego, Ben Dillingham has made philanthropy the cornerstone of his commitment to community service, making countless contributions—without seeking recognition—to numerous San Diego organizations, most notably those serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, and people living with HIV/AIDs, displaying a keen sense of understanding and compassion to the sensitive issues facing these communities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his charitable giving, Ben Dillingham has volunteered his time and energy with many community associations and organizations, including the Center for Social Services, the Greater San Diego Business Association, the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego and United Way, and has served as board president of Episcopal Community Services, San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, and AIDS Foundation San Diego; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to community service, Ben Dillingham has been honored with numerous civic recognitions, including the San Diego AIDS Project Celebration of Life Award, the Nicky Awards' Harvey Milk Memorial Award and Dr. Brad Truax Presidential Award, the Human Rights Campaign Fund Crystal Torch Award, and San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride's Man of the Year in 1993; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the commitment to community service that Ben Dillingham has shown through his extensive philanthropic endeavors and volunteer efforts, and commends him for his integrity, compassion, and sound judgment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 22, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**BEN DILLINGHAM DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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