

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **293425**

ADOPTED ON JUL 17 2000

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established a Prosecutor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the mission of the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Criminal Division is to protect the safety and quality of life of the people of San Diego by intervening to stop criminal conduct at the misdemeanor level; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) aggressive, just, and effective prosecution; (2) early intervention and proactive lawyering; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 1999 Prosecutor of the Year Award, Steven Gold, has been selected by the Office Leadership Team from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Steven has served as a Deputy City Attorney since 1988, and is a proactive and creative prosecutor, committed to protecting the people of San Diego through his work in the City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Steven handled a large caseload of high-profile cases, including a series of consumer protection lawsuits against Rite Aid, one of the largest retail drug store chains in the United States; and

WHEREAS, working in partnership with district attorneys from across the State of California, Steven obtained multi-million dollar settlements - - Rite Aid agreed to pay penalties, costs, and restitution in the suits that alleged the drug store chain was selling expired products, and was engaged in misleading advertising and unfair competition; and

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WHEREAS, in 1999, Steven also prosecuted cases involving an unlicensed contractor, a marketer making false claims about a health product, the owner of a chemical company who illegally transported hazardous materials, and the owner of an electronics circuit board manufacturer who diluted industrial wastewater in violation of the Clean Water Act - - offenders in these cases were ordered to serve jail time, perform community work service, and pay fines and victim restitution; and

WHEREAS, Steven builds partnerships with law enforcement agencies, and participates on task forces, in trainings, and in consumer information fairs to raise awareness of consumer and environmental protection issues; and

WHEREAS, Steven volunteers for a non-profit organization dedicated to children and organizes the City Attorney's annual blood drive; and

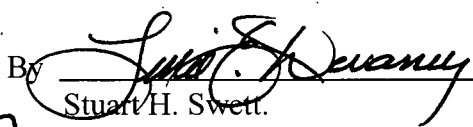
WHEREAS, Steven always has a positive attitude, gives 110 percent, and is an enthusiastic, conscientious, and dedicated prosecutor; NOW, THEREFORE,

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, hereby recognizes and commends Steven Gold on the occasion of his selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 1999 Prosecutor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, July 17, 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be "STEVEN GOLD DAY" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By


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Deputy City Attorney

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