

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **293427**

ADOPTED ON JUL 17 2000

WHEREAS, Centro Cultural de la Raza (The Centro) was founded in 1970 as a venue for creating, promoting and preserving the arts and culture of the Chicano, Mexicano and indigenous communities in San Diego. Over the years it has grown into a regional and international center for the arts, pursuing its goal to encourage the arts through education, exhibitions, performances and the literary arts; and

WHEREAS, the Centro has been a pioneer in the incubation of what is now known as "border art," sponsoring major exhibitions and forums on that topic, and supporting traditional dance forms in its resident program, the Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan, that continues to evolve as a presenter of dance and dance theater; and

WHEREAS, The Centro is active in bringing writers and dramatists to the community and has been an important venue for the presentation of new works by both seasoned and aspiring playwrights. It works collaboratively with other like-minded arts and cultural institutions, schools, universities, social justice organizations, artist groups and interested individuals from a variety of disciplines to extend its mission into the community. It also opens its doors to the thousands of tourists who visit Balboa Park as a place where they may learn about the arts and culture, both historic and contemporary, of the border region. In that capacity it acts as a bridge between the many communities that call the San Diego region home; and

WHEREAS, The Centro was founded on the principles of mentoring artists, in which each generation hands down its accumulated knowledge to the next, and on the concepts of self-determination, self-respect and self-sacrifice in the practice of community-based arts; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2000, Centro Cultural de la Raza will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gala celebration entitled "Mechanics of the Immediate" at their home in Balboa Park; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the efforts of the Centro Cultural de la Raza over the past 30 years to fulfill its mission of creating, promoting and preserving the arts and culture of the Chicano, Mexicano and indigenous communities in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 30, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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