

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293563

ADOPTED ON JUL 31 2000

WHEREAS, Eddie Conlon moved to San Diego in 1975, and in 1981, at the age of 53, began a lifetime commitment of community service for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) communities; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of the HIV/AIDS crisis in the early 1980s, "Queen Eddie" Conlon, as he is known to the LGBT community, immersed himself in a series of community fund-raising efforts, including those which helped establish the AIDS Assistance Fund, which ultimately became AIDS Foundation San Diego - - these efforts continue today; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 as the HIV/AIDS crisis worsened, new challenges arose for the gay community, and "Queen Eddie" Conlon began his advice column called "Just Ask Queen Eddie" in *The Scene/Bravo!* newsmagazine that provided common sense responses to readers dealing with a variety of emotional crises - - his advice is a real resource for the LGBT community, which counts him as a true hero; and

WHEREAS, "Queen Eddie" Conlon's community efforts have been chronicled in the pages of the *San Diego-Union-Tribune*, *The Reader*, and on local television news outlets - - he has also received numerous community awards and local, state, and national commendations; and

WHEREAS, "Queen Eddie" Conlon is a lifetime member of the Imperial Court de San Diego, and an honorary member of Couples San Diego, Prime Timers, Special Delivery, Auntie Helen and Something Special Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, he is also active with the gay and lesbian affiliate of the American Cancer Society, which is working to bring cancer awareness to and establish a financial fund to support those in need. This was prompted by Eddie's own diagnosis, which he continues to battle valiantly today; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of "Queen Eddie" Conlon to improve the quality

of life for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community and those living with HIV/AIDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 31, be and is hereby proclaimed to be
"QUEEN EDDIE' CONLON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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