

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293644

ADOPTED ON AUG 07 2000

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation has been a valued community organization since its founding in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization devoted to stewardship of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation has distinguished itself through such programs as white seabass restocking/fisheries enhancement, habitat enhancement/artificial reefs, water quality improvements studies, educational programs and Project Yukon; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation has donated to the City a 366-foot Canadian destroyer escort, the former HMCS Yukon, and placed it on ocean bottom owned by the City to provide a new recreational asset for use by the citizens of the City and visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, the placement of the Yukon will provide the City with a new opportunity to increase tourism and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the placement of the Yukon provided national and international visibility for the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation raised the funds to purchase and prepare the Yukon as a recreational facility, gathered hundreds of volunteers who spent thousands of hours completing the task of sinking the ship; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Oceans Foundation did a thorough job of removing contaminants from the ship to protect the ocean environment that is so important to the San Diego economy; 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 proclaim Saturday, July 29, 2000 to be "SAN DIEGO OCEANS FOUNDATION DAY" in recognition of their outstanding contributions to marine education and recreation.

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