

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293667

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WHEREAS, Hua Mei, the baby panda at the World-Famous San Diego Zoo, was born on August 21, 1999, and is the first surviving panda born in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei's name, which means China-USA, symbolizes ongoing international efforts to save endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei is a goodwill ambassador for giant pandas everywhere and symbolizes the efforts to save her species from extinction; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei has inspired students and scientists to continue efforts to learn about and preserve endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei's birth and growth has generated unprecedented international interest--video and photos of Hua Mei have appeared on the "Today Show" and "Good Morning America," and in the pages of *Life*, *Newsweek* and *Time* magazines; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei was named one of *San Diego Magazine's* "50 People to Watch in 2000"; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei has touched the hearts and entered the homes of millions of people worldwide, who have watched her grow up via Panda Cam; and

WHEREAS, Hua Mei has received thousands of letters from people across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the giant panda program at the San Diego Zoo, and Hua Mei's birth, have been made possible by the ongoing support of the community of San Diego and members of the San Diego Zoo; and

WHEREAS, through the generous support of the Pacific Bell Foundation, Hua Mei and her parents live in the Pacific Bell Giant Panda Research Station, a state-of-the-art facility at the San Diego Zoo; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby celebrate the one-year anniversary of the birth of Hua Mei and recognizes the efforts of the San Diego Zoological Society and all its supporters to save endangered species from extinction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 21, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "HUA MEI DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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