

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293719

ADOPTED ON AUG 15 2000

WHEREAS, Don Steele has been a valuable City Employee for 23 years and has been a credit to the Park and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Don was instrumental in developing the Park Ranger Program for the protection and enhancement of our valuable open space areas and is considered the "Father" of the City of San Diego's modern ranger program; and

WHEREAS, Don has exhibited considerable ingenuity in getting things done despite the numerous required City procedures; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Codger" didn't know the meaning of "NO - - IT CAN'T BE DONE," or "WE DON'T DO IT THAT WAY" when developing programs to enhance our open space areas; and

WHEREAS, Don has been a very articulate and a consummate mediator between the different factions that doggedly jockey for control of open space areas; and

WHEREAS, Don has inspired his staff, his adopted family, to be creative and develop programs for neighborhood school children to inspire them to enjoy and respect nature; and

WHEREAS, during his career with the City, Don could be found at one of "his" open space parks every day of the week, and we hope will continue to do so after his last day of work, August 11, 2000; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commend Don Steele for his dedication to the citizens of San Diego and our valuable open space parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 14, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "DON STEELE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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