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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R-293859 ADOPTED ON OCT 02 2000

WHEREAS, as the oldest continuously producing children's theatre in the United States, San Diego Junior Theatre offers a comprehensive program including drama, voice and dance to children ages 4-18; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre began as a spin-off of the highly acclaimed Old Globe Theatre in 1948, and since then it has become a cultural institution in San Diego producing six mainstage shows each year in the historic Casa del Prado Theatre in Balboa Park; and

WHEREAS, designed with the primary objective to develop our children's self-esteem, San Diego Junior Theatre offers a variety of educational and entertaining classes to more than 4,000 students annually; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Junior Theatre presents a diversified outreach program designed to meet the specific needs of the schools and organizations it services including the "Learning on Location" program at Bonita Middle School, and an ongoing program with the St. Vincent de Paul/Toussaint Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving several awards, San Diego Junior Theatre has also been instrumental in the careers of celebrity favorites such as Victor Buono, Dennis Hopper, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Raquel Welch and many more; and

WHEREAS, this year San Diego Junior Theatre will celebrate its 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary season from October 20, 2000 to August 12, 2001; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that October 2, 2000, is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE DAY" in San Diego in honor of 53 years of enhancing the lives of San Diego's youth through the magic of theatre arts.

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