

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294078

ADOPTED ON OCT 30 2000

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has been without an official tree up to the present time; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is desirous of having an official tree; and

WHEREAS, the Jacaranda, *jacaranda mimosifolia*, with its beautiful flowers and foliage has become synonymous with San Diego's identity; and

WHEREAS, the blooming Jacaranda is beloved by San Diegans for the color it adds to many of our streets and residential neighborhoods each and every spring; and

WHEREAS, the Jacaranda is a tropical flowering tree native to Brazil which evokes the ambiance and subtropical climate for which San Diego is known, and in many communities of our city, the Jacaranda has been planted as a street tree contributing greatly to the quality of life of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the magnificent Torrey Pine, *Pinus torreyana*, is our nation's rarest pine tree, growing in only two places - Santa Rosa Island and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Pine with its five long needles has become one of our most treasured native plants in part because it often hugs our sandstone cliffs in fascinating, twisted and incredible wind-blown shapes in an apparent struggle for life providing a beauty which is truly memorable and unique; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Pine can also be planted in numerous locations to provide a wonderful and picturesque park atmosphere; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Jacaranda be designated as the official tree, and the Torrey Pine be designated as the official native tree of the City of San Diego in recognition of the value our community holds for their beauty and splendor, and the role they play in the quality of life of San Diegans.

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