

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294205

ADOPTED ON NOV 20 2000

WHEREAS, Robert Plimpton has been the Civic Organist for the City of San Diego since January 1998, has been associated with the Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park since June 1984, and has played the Sunday afternoon organ concerts, which are sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department of the City of San Diego, for the past 16 and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Robert Plimpton called together a group of organ enthusiasts to form the Spreckels Organ Society, of which he is the artistic director. The Society significantly improved the organ, established the International Summer Organ Festival which has run for 14 seasons, presented weekly educational outreach concerts to school children, formed a nation-wide membership support system, built an endowment, and made the organ world famous as one of San Diego's unique and irreplaceable attractions; and

WHEREAS, Robert Plimpton is well known for his artistry, creative programming and engaging commentary, and during his tenure with the Sunday concerts he has presented as assisting artists a rich cross-section of San Diego's musical talent, with an emphasis on cultural and ethnic diversity; and

WHEREAS, Robert Plimpton is a native of Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he was an apprentice-student of renowned composer and virtuoso Robert Ellmore. He also studied in Europe under the tutelage of Marie-Claire Alain and Anton Heiller, and has held full-time music director positions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Robert Plimpton performs regularly with leading choruses and orchestras

worldwide, including Israel, Jordan and Taiwan, and has been a featured recitalist at many regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists and with many music festivals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2000, Robert Plimpton will perform his final "official" Sunday concert as Civic Organist, but will remain supportive of the Spreckels Organ program and will perform as guest organist from the time to time, the first being December 10, 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commend Robert Plimpton for his more than 16 years of community service as the founder and artistic director of the Spreckels Organ Society and as Civic Organist for the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 26, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**ROBERT PLIMPTON DAY**," in the City of San Diego.

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