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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294558

ADOPTED ON FEB 2 0 2001

WHEREAS, Couples San Diego is graciously hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Ball to celebrate Valentine's Day and the commitment between couples on February 17, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Couples San Diego gathers every year to collectively celebrate and honor gay and lesbian relationships and culture; and

WHEREAS, for the last 15 years, the purpose of Couples San Diego has been to provide a social, educational, and humanitarian forum for couples of the same gender, promote the validity of gay and lesbian relationships, and strive to publicize and showcase the positive and enduring aspects of their commitment to their partners; and

WHEREAS, Couples San Diego contributes positively to the quest for equal rights and respect for gays and lesbians; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the Citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Couples San Diego, and commend the organization for their commitment to empower and enrich the lives of gay and lesbian couples in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 17, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "COUPLES SAN DIEGO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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