

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294559

ADOPTED ON FEB 20 2001

WHEREAS, the San Diego Museum of Art celebrates its 75th anniversary on February 28, 2001 after three quarters of a century developing and displaying fine art collections of world renown for the enjoyment of San Diego citizens as well as visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Museum opened its doors to the public on February 28, 1926 in its current Balboa Park location; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's structure, designed and constructed by William Templeton Johnson, was funded through the generous gift of San Diego businessman and civic leader Appleton S. Bridges; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the San Diego Museum of Art is to "transform lives through art," and it fulfills this mission through a variety of efforts, including the display of its permanent collection, as well as exhibitions from throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 works of art have been made available for public viewing by the Museum from its permanent collection, representing Asia, Europe, and the United States, as well as a base of contemporary and Latin American art; and

WHEREAS, the Museum is a catalyst for arts education with an art school, tours, workshops, lectures, and educational materials that serve audiences of all ages, and the museum celebrates the arts with performances and programs that educate as well as entertain; and

WHEREAS, the Museum honors its past and preserves the legacy of its historic structure and treasured contents with major recent renovations of its facility; and

WHEREAS, the 75th anniversary will be marked with a wide variety of celebrations and activities including a birthday party on February 11, 2001 and a formal gala event on February 24, 2001; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the San Diego Museum of Art for its efforts in transforming lives through art, and heartily congratulates the Museum on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 28, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART 75TH ANNIVERSARY DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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