(R-2001-1120)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294560 ADOPTED ON FEB 2 0 2001

WHEREAS, the San Diego WildFire is a charter member of the USA's newest professional basketball league—the American Basketball Association (ABA); and

WHEREAS, Owner/President, "Farah" Ashraf Farah & Vice President, Susan Farah, owners, are excited to have the opportunity to bring professional basketball to San Diego and introduce the great basketball fans of San Diego to the ABA 2000; and

WHEREAS, the team, made up of former and future NBA players is led by Head Coach and General Manager, Lasalle Thompson, who brings 15 seasons of valuable NBA playing experience playing for the Indiana Pacers to his first head-coaching role; and

WHEREAS, the WildFire's Assistant Coach is Dane Suttle, who played three seasons in the NBA with the Kansas City Kings and remains the all-time leading scorer of Pepperdine University; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego WildFire is committed to contributing in a positive manner to the San Diego community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby welcome the San Diego WildFire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 8, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed "SAN DIEGO WILDFIRE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By

Stuart H. Swett Senior Deputy City Attorney

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