

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294616

ADOPTED ON MAR 5 2001

WHEREAS, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, also known as "killer algae," is a salt water aquarium plant that has destroyed thousands of acres of underwater habitat in the Mediterranean Sea; and

WHEREAS, *Caulerpa taxifolia* can quickly reproduce from a small plant into a dense smothering blanket covering and killing all native aquatic vegetation in its path, leading to large scale die offs of invertebrates, fish and marine mammals further up the food chain; and

WHEREAS, in the Summer of 2000 *Caulerpa taxifolia* was discovered in the Agua Heidionda Lagoon in Carlsbad and cost over \$1 million to eradicate; and

WHEREAS, if the plant becomes established in the San Diego marine environment it could have devastating ecological and economic consequences for the region; and

WHEREAS, Project Pacific, a non-profit organization dedicated to "actions benefiting the ocean" by balancing enhancement, use and preservation through science and education, is holding the "Evil Algae Hunt" on March 10, 2001 to educate San Diegans about the devastating effects of *Caulerpa taxifolia*; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the San Diego City Council, that this Council recognizes the efforts of Project Pacific and hereby proclaims March 10, 2001 to be "*Caulerpa taxifolia* Awareness Day" in the City of San Diego.

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