

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294701

ADOPTED ON APR 02 2001

WHEREAS, quad rugby was introduced in the United States in 1981 after being developed in Canada as a quadriplegic equivalent to wheelchair basketball, and is modeled after a combination of basketball and ice hockey, and quad rugby competitions are now held in 24 nations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the United States Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) was formed in 1988 to help regulate and promote the sport on both national and international levels, and has grown from its original four teams to more than 45 organized teams in the U.S. today with many others in the developmental stage; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its tremendous growth and popularity, quad rugby was featured as a demonstration sport at the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, Georgia and is now recognized as a full medal sport, and will be a regular competition at all future Paralympics; and

WHEREAS, quad rugby is designated for players with physical disabilities that preclude their play in able-bodied sport competition, with all eligible participants having a combination of upper- and lower-extremity impairment; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Disabled Services Program will host the 2001 National Quad Rugby Championships in Balboa Park, April 6 - 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Sixteen teams from all over the United States will compete in the games, which will be held in the Municipal Gymnasium and the Balboa Park Activity Center, and approximately 250 players, coaches, support persons, officials, classifiers, and USQRA

administrators are expected for the tournament, with an additional 100 spectators per day; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Quad Rugby National Championship Games will be kicked off with a sponsor's award ceremony on Friday, April 6, 2001; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the United States Quad Rugby Association for its efforts in organizing and promoting quad rugby, and warmly welcomes the 2001 National Championships to San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 2, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **“UNITED STATES QUAD RUGBY ASSOCIATION, 2001 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY”** in the City of San Diego

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