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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294759 ADOPTED ON APR 1 6 2001

WHEREAS, the Black Storytellers Association of San Diego was founded in 1998 and performs at many venues throughout the City of San Diego, including libraries, senior citizens, parks and playgrounds, schools, and educational sites, and

WHEREAS, the primary focus of the Black Storytellers Association of San Diego is to preserve and celebrate the unique culture of African Americans through an art form that reaches back thousands of years to the tribal ancestors of Africa, and

WHEREAS, the Black Storytellers Association of San Diego and the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center are proud to present *Talk dat Talk Storytelling Festival: A Celebration of the Oral Tradition*, and

WHEREAS, this month-long festival, featuring, Diane Ferlatte, Jacque Tahuka-Nunez and Opalonga Pugh, offers a cross-cultural celebration and exploration of the art of storytelling, and

WHEREAS, the festival provides audiences with the opportunity to enjoy marvelous storytelling as well as engage the storytellers and guest scholars in conversation, and

WHEREAS, black storytelling is an art form that embodies the history, heritage, and culture of African Americans, 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 commend the San Diego Black Storytellers

Association for their contributions to the City of San Diego

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 6, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed "SAN DIEGO BLACK STORYTELLERS ASSOCIATION DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Stuart H. Swett.

Senior Deputy City Attorney

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