

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294860

ADOPTED ON MAY 21 2001

WHEREAS, the Environmental Services Department provides an invaluable service to the public through Recycling, Residential Refuse Collection, Greenery Collection, Landfill Operations, and various other community services; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department's residential refuse collection is provided weekly to 310,000 households by City collection drivers making more than 16 million service stops annually and hauling over 370,000 tons of trash from our City's neighborhoods to the landfill for disposal each year; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department's residential curbside recycling collection is provided to 213,000 City residences bi-weekly, making over 10 million service stops annually, recycling more than 50,000 tons of materials a year and collecting and processing over 35,000 tons of yard waste each year to achieve an annual landfill diversion rate of 46 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department's curbside recycling and refuse collection programs had the highest level of resident satisfaction, 95 percent each, as determined by a citywide resident satisfaction survey among all City services; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department curbside recycling and refuse collection programs were rated #1 by the survey among all City services for the fifth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department's residential refuse collection in the City of San Diego remains among the lowest monthly cost-per-household in California at \$8.54 per household; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Service Department's refuse collection drivers have been recognized as some of the best drivers in North America and Mexico and in 1998 and 2000 City of San Diego Collection Drivers have been named "Driver of the Year" by the Environmental Industry Association; 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, hereby commends the aforementioned collection drivers for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the citizens and environment of the City of San Diego, and in honor of their significant contributions, hereby proclaims Monday, May 21, 2001 to be **“Environmental Services Recycling and Refuse Collection Drivers’ Day”** in the City of San Diego.

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