

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295002

ADOPTED ON JUN 18 2001

WHEREAS, biotechnology is important to the research and development of medical, agricultural, industrial and environmental products; and

WHEREAS, biotechnology is addressing the world's greatest challenges by producing cures for diseases, increasing the quality of foods and the yield of our farms and developing new and innovative ways to protect and preserve our environment; and

WHEREAS, San Diego is home to 401 healthcare technology companies, and 27,298 people in the country are employed in healthcare technology careers, and San Diego leads the nation in National Institutes of Health grants per capita; and

WHEREAS, biomedical companies in San Diego are conducting more than 200 research projects to target unmet medical needs and invested more than \$800 million to this cause in 1998 alone; and

WHEREAS, the Biotechnology Industry Organization's International Meeting and Exhibition will draw over 12,000 people from over 45 countries during the week of June 24, 2001, and provide a forum for international, national and local leaders from the industry, academia and government to discuss biotechnology's promise and potential benefits to humankind and the planet; and

WHEREAS, biotechnology with its ability to cure disease, fight hunger and aid the environment may come to define the twenty-first century; 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, welcomes the delegates of the Biotechnology Industry Organization and urges them to enjoy their stay in America's Finest City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of June 24, 2001, is hereby proclaimed to be "**BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK**" in the City of San Diego.

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