

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295012

ADOPTED ON JUN 19 2001

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ, donated to the people of San Diego by John D. and Adolph B. Spreckels in 1915, is located in the heart of Balboa Park, and is one of the great concert organs of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society was founded in 1988 to assist the City of San Diego in its responsibility to use and preserve the Spreckels Organ by providing free concerts, open to all, and to promote the Spreckels Organ as a world treasure for all people; and

WHEREAS, diverse and creative programming is maintained by the Spreckels Organ Society through the performance of 52 Sunday concerts and nearly 100 overall performances each year, which are enjoyed by over 100,000 people and showcase many performers from the San Diego Symphony and San Diego Opera, as well as numerous schools and individual artists, representing the cultural diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Spreckels Organ Society has issued several recordings and a book on the history of the organ, and aggressively promotes the organ as a tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2001 the Society will kick off the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Summer Organ Festival, consisting of eleven Monday evening concerts through August 27, 2001 that will feature solos, chorales and accompaniment to silent films performed by a variety of renowned organists; and

WHEREAS, Robert Plimpton was influential in forming the Spreckels Organ Society in 1988, and was San Diego's Civic Organist, performing weekly recitals on the Spreckels Organ for over 16 years until his retirement in November, 2000; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that June 18, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"SPRECKELS ORGAN SOCIETY 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert Plimpton be bestowed with the title of Civic Organist Emeritus.

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