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WHEREAS, the City of San Diego appreciates Ernesto Ruffo Appel for his dedication to the welfare of the international relationship between Mexico and our city; and

WHEREAS, Ernesto Ruffo Appel was elected Governor of the State of Baja California, becoming the first governor to be elected from a political opposition party in Mexican history; and

WHEREAS, Ernesto Ruffo Appel has been designated as the Northern Border Commissioner for President Vincente Fox's new Commission for Northern Border Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Ernesto Ruffo Appel as Northern Border Commissioner has dedicated himself to develop and foster the border region's development; and

WHEREAS, Ernesto Ruffo Appel, as Northern Border Commissioner, has devoted himself to planning and facilitating policies which will work toward a sustainable and prosperous economy at the international border; 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 recognize and appreciate the assistance of Ernesto Ruffo Appel, and hereby proclaims June 21, 2001, as "ERNESTO RUFFO APPEL DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Stuart H. Swett

Senior Deputy City Attorney

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