

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295133

ADOPTED ON JUL 9 2001

WHEREAS, Barbara Birchim is the wife of Special Forces Captain James D. Birchim, who has been missing in action since 1968, and in an effort to determine the whereabouts of her husband, Barbara traveled to third world countries and discovered a desperate need for medical supplies; and

WHEREAS, Barbara devotes countless hours to meeting the needs of the sick and ailing who are not able to receive medicine of their own accord in places such as Thailand, Vietnam, Somalia, India, Costa Rica and Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, Barbara collects unused medical supplies from local medical practices, takes them to locations around the world, and personally delivers the supplies to doctors and hospitals in need; and

WHEREAS, Barbara led a campaign called "Save Our Shade" to replace trees at the military cemetery upon discovering that trees were being removed without the intent of replacing them; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of veteran's groups across the nation, Barbara succeeded in meeting and exceeding her goal of replacing sixty trees by selling a total of seventy trees, each one bought as a donation to the cemetery in remembrance of the life of a fallen veteran; and


WHEREAS, through her dedication and hard work for the Presidio National Cemetery, Barbara was instrumental in inspiring Americans to remember service members who bravely gave their lives while serving their country; and

WHEREAS, Barbara is a citizen of the City of San Diego who is truly an inspiration to her fellow citizens through her kind deeds and selfless giving to worthy projects; 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 Barbara Birchim for her outstanding service and commitment to people and places in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of her significant contributions, hereby proclaims Monday, July 9, 2001 to be "**Barbara Birchim Day**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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