

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295140

ADOPTED ON JUL 17 2001

WHEREAS, San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn has established a Prosecutor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this Award acknowledges and rewards the Deputy City Attorney whose professional accomplishments and abilities and whose contributions to the community best demonstrate and fulfill the mission of the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Criminal Division is to protect the safety and quality of life of the people of San Diego by intervening to stop criminal conduct at the misdemeanor level; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division provides legal services to the public with professionalism, integrity, and excellence, focusing on (1) aggressive, just, and effective prosecution; (2) early intervention and proactive lawyering; and (3) promoting public awareness of legal issues affecting the people of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the award recipient for the 2000 Prosecutor of the Year Award, Steven Hansen, has been selected from an outstanding list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, Steve has provided loyal service to the City of San Diego as a Deputy City Attorney since 1988, and as the Head Deputy of the Criminal Division's Appellate Unit since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Steve is an intelligent, knowledgeable, and creative prosecutor, committed

to protecting the people of San Diego and to enhancing the City Attorney's community of lawyers and staff; and

WHEREAS, to ensure success in working with crime victims, police officers, and community members, Steve provides all of the attorneys in the Criminal Division with up-to-date information about new statutory and case law and thoughtful analysis of complex legal issues; and

WHEREAS, day in and day out in the year 2000, Steve helped his fellow deputies research and resolve legal issues, ensuring success in the courtroom and in our communities providing this behind-the-scenes support while handling and prevailing in his own caseload of motions and appeals; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Steve provided exceptional legal support to City Attorney Casey Gwinn on a high profile domestic violence case against a former teacher who was sentenced to more than four years in jail after being convicted of stalking, domestic violence, restraining order violations, and weapons charges; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Steve also worked on important appellate issues related to disclosure of police personnel records in resisting arrest cases; and

WHEREAS, Steve is a gifted writer and is responsible for editing and approving all legal arguments filed by the Appellate Unit; and

WHEREAS, if there is a hot legal issue, Steve knows about and shares his knowledge with the other attorneys in the Criminal Division; and

WHEREAS, Steve brings his unique sense of humor and style to the office and to the courtroom, and is an invaluable asset to the City Attorney's team; and

Whereas, Steve serves as Head Appellate Deputy with great professionalism, patience, and integrity; 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 recognizes and commends Steven Hansen on the occasion of his selection by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn as the recipient of the 2000 Prosecutor of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 17, 2001 is hereby proclaimed to be "STEVEN HANSEN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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