

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295408

ADOPTED ON SEP 10 2001

WHEREAS, September 17 through 23, 2001, is National Pollution Prevention Week, focusing on the Pollution Prevention Act's objective that pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible; and

WHEREAS, a watershed is an area of land that drains into a common body of water; and

WHEREAS, much of San Diego drains through a system of storm drains and channels before emptying into San Diego's waterways, bays and ocean; and

WHEREAS, non-point sources of water pollution are those which each individual and business unwittingly contribute(s) to runoff such as pet waste, litter, the improper disposal of automotive fluids and other pollutants; and

WHEREAS, non-point sources have become the largest contributor of pollution to our nation's waterways; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,334 beach closures or posting days on City of San Diego beaches for the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is committed to the protection of the water quality in its watersheds, waterways, bays, ocean and beaches; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of San Diego's goal to reduce beach closures and postings days by 50 percent in the next four years; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to determine the source and extent of pathogen contamination on City of San Diego beaches and to assess the threat to human and ecological health; and

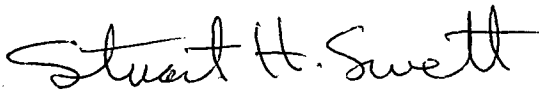
WHEREAS, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program is working on projects in Mission Bay in regard to source identification, dry weather bacterial source testing, epidemiological studies, and water quality improvements in Rose and Tecolote Creeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego, the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Baykeeper, the Sierra Club and the San Diego Zoo are working together to promote the protection of San Diego's water quality through an education program; 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 proclaims the week of September 17 through 23, 2001 to be "**Storm Water Pollution Prevention Week**" in the City of San Diego, and encourages all the people of San Diego to "Think Blue" by doing their part to prevent pollution, urban runoff, and to improve and protect San Diego's water quality.

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