

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295410

ADOPTED ON SEP 10 2001

WHEREAS, this is the 20th year since the identification of the HIV virus, during which time over 22 million people have died from AIDS and approximately 36 million people currently live with HIV/AIDS worldwide, with 16,000 new infections occurring each day—90 percent of those in developing nations and half of those in people under the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness about and find a cure for this dreaded disease, the San Diego Padres will host their first-ever HIV/AIDS Awareness Night at Qualcomm Stadium on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, as the Padres take the field against the Los Angeles Dodgers; and

WHEREAS, the focus of San Diego Padres HIV/AIDS Awareness Night is to commemorate those who have lost their lives to the disease as well as to mobilize volunteers, increase awareness, and raise funds for local community-based organizations that support HIV/AIDS research, treatment, services and education; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Padres HIV/AIDS Awareness Night will include a display of a portion of the Names Project Quilt on the outfield grass before the game, players from both teams will wear the signifying AIDS awareness red ribbon on their uniforms and will participate in the ceremonies, information tables will be made available to local charities to provide valuable prevention information and heighten awareness; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Padres have teamed up with the "Until There's A Cure Foundation" to become one of the few professional sports teams to host an AIDS benefit and only the second Major League Baseball team--along with the San Francisco Giants--to identify themselves with the battle against HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, a myriad of local businesses and organizations have joined with the Padres as title sponsors of HIV/AIDS Awareness Night, including Agouron Pharmaceuticals,


Clearvision Optical, ITGtech Corp, Bourbon Street, Priority Pharmacy and Grossmont Healthcare District, and other contributing sponsors are American Airlines, CalFed, Upper Deck, Tickets Foundation, Flicks, *Buzz Magazine*, *Gay and Lesbian Times*, Obelisk Bookstore, Imperial Court de San Diego, Dr. Jorge Tagle, USF Sports & Fitness Management Graduate Program, Rich's, Club Montage, Abbott Laboratories, Inc., the Law Offices of Eric Becker, Statscript Pharmacy, and TJ New Fill Center; and

WHEREAS, in support of HIV/AIDS Awareness Night, the San Diego Padres organization will donate to local HIV/AIDS charities proceeds from the sale of commemorative pins sporting the AIDS red ribbon encircling the Padres logo, as well as a portion of game tickets purchased with specially marked coupons; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commend the San Diego Padres for their commitment to help raise funds for and increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS through the sponsorship and promotion of the first-ever San Diego Padres HIV/AIDS Awareness Night at Qualcomm Stadium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 11, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO PADRES HIV/AIDS AWARENESS NIGHT" in the City of San Diego.

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