

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295449

ADOPTED ON SEP 10 2001

WHEREAS, the San Diego Municipal Employees Association [MEA] was organized in 1926 by a group of City employees dedicated to improving the working conditions for all City employees; and

WHEREAS, MEA helped establish the first City Employees Retirement System [CERS], which today continues to provide generous retirement benefits for thousands of City employees; and

WHEREAS, MEA currently represents over 5,400 City employees; and

WHEREAS, between the time period from 1982 to 2000, City employees in MEA's represented bargaining units have seen a 78.5 percent salary increase; and

WHEREAS, City employees now enjoy greater health benefits as a result of MEA's hard fought efforts in negotiating significant increases in employee flexible benefits since 1984; and

WHEREAS, MEA recently fought and won major improvements in retirement benefits for its members which will greatly enhance the quality of life for these members when they retire; and

WHEREAS, MEA members take their social responsibility very seriously by continuing to underwrite and sponsor the successful Holiday "Adopt A Family" Program that has provided thousands of dollars of food, clothing and money over the last twelve years to hundreds of needy families from throughout the community of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, MEA remains committed to its role as an active partner with the City in maintaining and enhancing the City's successful "Diversity Program"; and

WHEREAS, MEA, the City's largest labor organization, is proud of the on-going relationship it has with both the management at the City of San Diego and its elected officials that is based on 75 years of mutual respect and cooperation; and

Whereas, on Saturday, July 28, 2001, MEA hosted over 1,000 of its loyal members at the MEA 75th Anniversary Picnic to celebrate over 75 years of dedicated and faithful service to the City of San Diego and its outstanding employees; 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 the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, and hereby proclaims September 10, 2001, as **"SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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