

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295623

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WHEREAS, the San Diego Art Institute was founded in 1941 as the San Diego Business Men's Art Club with the mission of developing the fine arts in San Diego, as well as developing self-expression through the arts, self-improvement, mutual helpfulness, and social activities among its members; and

WHEREAS, the founding members of the club included prominent San Diegans such as former-mayor Walter Austin, former-San Diego City Treasurer Robert Linsey, Solar Aircraft President Edmund Price, and San Diego Fine Arts Gallery Director Reginal Poland, and the organization featured noted San Diego artists Maurice Braun and Alfred Mitchell as its first instructors; and

WHEREAS, after having moved its gallery into Balboa Park's House of Charm in 1953, the Club was incorporated into the San Diego Art Institute in 1955, and became a non-profit organization in 1963; and

WHEREAS, 2001 marks the 60th Anniversary of the San Diego Art Institute, which fulfills the needed much needed function of offering San Diego regional artists an opportunity for exposure to the public, and offering visitors a comprehensive look at the contemporary visual arts scene in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Art Institute produces 55 exhibitions annually, and handles over 3,000 pieces of regional art, and the Institute has developed a permanent Youth Gallery showcasing student work and advocating for visual art as a core program for our youth, and their

“Outreach Through Exhibition” programs have focused on relevant social and community issues such as environmental protection, border issues, cancer survival and AIDS awareness; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Arts Institute fully integrates the visual arts into everyday life through education, exhibition and outreach, and helps elevate San Diego as a nationally and internationally recognized living arts community; and

WHEREAS, an element of the 60 year anniversary celebration will be the 45<sup>th</sup> annual International Awards Exhibition, to be held November 3, 2001, featuring a Gala Reception and the 4th Annual Visual Arts Award presentation; 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 congratulates the San Diego Art Institute on its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and is commended for providing a forum for living artists in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 3, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed to be “**SAN DIEGO ART INSTITUTE DAY**” in the City of San Diego.

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