

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295650

ADOPTED ON OCT 29 2001

WHEREAS, Pro Kids Golf Academy and Learning Center was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1994 to provide inner-city youth with positive recreational activities and to increase minority participation in junior golf programs; and

WHEREAS, Pro Kids' vision is to provide the vehicle through which young people can accomplish their dreams, thrive socially, excel academically and athletically, and become productive members of society with integrity, strong family values and a commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, there are now 6,000 card-carrying Pro Kids Golf Academy and Learning Center members ages 4-18 years, with over 30,000 program visits a year provided at no cost to the child or family; and

WHEREAS, Pro Kids, as an affiliate of The First Tee, The World Golf Foundation, serves as a national model and resource for other inner-city junior golf programs; and

WHEREAS, Ernest H. Wright, Sr., founder of Pro Kids, was the inaugural recipient of the George Bush Volunteer of the Year Award in 1999 as the most influential national leader and volunteer in creating golf opportunities for children; and

WHEREAS, the Building Industry Association (BIA) Cares for Kids has made an extraordinary gift of the construction of a new 7,000 square foot golf Clubhouse and Learning Center to Pro Kids and the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, with a new Clubhouse and Learning Center, Pro Kids will expand educational and life skills programs to provide individualized support, computer learning, educational and scholarship guidance and funding, internships, mentoring and vocational training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Pro Kids is to help prepare underprivileged and at-risk youth to go forth into adulthood with the necessary experiences to be a winner not only in golf, but in their own lives and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Pro Kids is a lasting, positive influence in the lives of many young people;  
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 the commitment to San Diego's youth by the Pro Kids Golf Academy and Learning Center, and hereby proclaims October 27, 2001 to be "**Pro Kids Golf Academy and Learning Center Day**" in the City of San Diego.

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