

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295832

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WHEREAS, the San Diego Junior Theatre began as a children's wing of the highly acclaimed Old Globe Theatre in 1948, and now in its 54<sup>th</sup> season is the oldest youth theatre program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre currently received the Commission for Arts and Culture's highest ranking, has performed its six main-stage productions in the historic Casa del Prado Theatre before more than one million people, and now operates with an annual budget of over \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre's primary objective is to develop our children's self-esteem as well as artistic skills, and has been instrumental in the careers of such alumni as Brian Stokes Mitchell, 2000 Tony Award Winner, Dennis Hopper, Raquel Welsh, Victor Buono, and most recently Ru Paul Charles; and

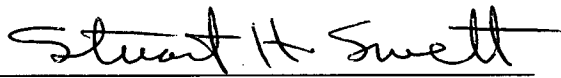
WHEREAS, the Theatre offers a comprehensive year-round education program of theatre arts to thousands of students including, Drama School during the academic year, pre-school Treasure Trunk Theatre, summer Theatre Camps, Drama Clubs, Confetti, and the pre-professional Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre presents a diversified outreach program to places like Memorial Academy, Roosevelt Jr. High, Rosa Parks Elementary, St. Vincent de Paul/Kroc Center, Toussaint Teen Center, Monarch High School, Hillcrest School, Community Day School, and Balboa Secondary School; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre recently hosted the American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference which brought 500 nationwide educators and theatre lovers to San Diego and its rich theatre community; 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 December 3, 2001, to be "**SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE DAY**" in San Diego in honor of 54 years of enhancing the lives of San Diego's youth through the magic of theatre arts.

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