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ADOPTED ON DEC 1 0 2001

WHEREAS, the Alpha Project for the Homeless started in 1986 as a simple project offering work opportunities for homeless men and now operates dozens of programs across three counties in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alpha Project is to empower individuals, families and communities by providing recovery and support services to people who are motivated to change their lives and achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, for most Alpha Project participants, successful completion of their programs will mean complete and permanent independence through education, employment, sobriety and stability; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, in a partnership with the City of San Diego, the Alpha Project began operation of the Neil Good Day Center, the City's only full-service day center for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Neil Good Day Center serves as the intake facility for the agency's many programs throughout the City and offers a full range of services to the City's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, nearly 15,000 homeless men, women and children access the Day Center each month for showers, social service referrals, mail and message services, laundry facilities, safe storage, mental health counseling, substance abuse recovery meetings and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Project's Neil Good Day Center is a stupendous example of excellence of those who are really making a difference in San Diego and shows that a commitment to getting people off the streets and helping them become contributing members of society is working in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Neil Good Day Center will celebrate its 10-year anniversary on December 4, 2001; 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 many accomplishments and dedication of the Alpha Project and the Neil Good Day Center and hereby proclaims December 4, 2001 to be "Alpha Project Neil Good Day Center Day" in the City of San Diego.

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