

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295866

ADOPTED ON DEC 10 2001

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE
TO ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE
SAN DIEGO- TIJUANA BORDER REGION

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 authorizes local governing bodies to proclaim local emergencies when such events occur as are defined by California Government Code section 8558(c); and

WHEREAS, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the resulting increased security throughout the nation have affected all citizens; and

WHEREAS, increased inspection times due to heightened security have resulted in longer waits at the borders, discouraging many of the thousands of Mexican citizens who legally cross into the United States from shopping and conducting business in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, border inspection infrastructure exists at the San Ysidro check-point that, if staffed properly, could immediately improve border security while reducing multiple hour delays for legal border crossings; and

WHEREAS, Mexican citizens legally crossing into the United States contributed over \$3 billion to the San Diego County economy in 2000, and since September 11 businesses in the border area that depend on the cross-border traffic have seen business drop by more than 60 percent; and

WHEREAS, although we need to protect our borders and ensure that terrorists intent on

harming the United States do not enter this country by using our neighbors as a gateway, at the same time it is necessary and appropriate for this City Council to address the economic impact of the events of September 11, 2001 on the area of the City immediately adjacent to the United States-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports Congressman Bob Filner's legislation adding \$20 million to pending Homeland Security Appropriations legislation before the Congress which includes \$6 million for the San Ysidro border facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of California declare a State of Emergency due to the extraordinary economic circumstances affecting the border area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8558(c) of the California Government Code, this border area economic emergency is "beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the political subdivision" of the City of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that pursuant to California Government Code section 8630 and due to the economic circumstances in the San Diego-Tijuana border area, a state of emergency is declared to exist in that area of the City of San Diego immediately adjacent to the United States-Mexico border.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Bush and Governor Davis are requested to declare economic States of Emergency for the United States and the State of California.

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