

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295873,

ADOPTED ON DEC 10 2001

WHEREAS, PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a national non-profit organization with more than 80,000 members and supporters, and more than 460 affiliates in the United States whose vision is to celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, and whose mission is to promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support to cope with an adverse society, education to enlighten an ill-informed public, and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights; and

WHEREAS, PFLAG San Diego was founded on April 12, 1981, by the chapter's first co-chairs, Hy and Lilian Rubin, with the assistance of the Gay Academic Union of UCSD; and

WHEREAS, PFLAG San Diego quickly established itself by offering substantive meetings, quality speakers and panels, excellent "rap" sessions, a telephone hotline, tasty refreshments, a dues-paying membership, and a library, and by 1983 started marching as a unit in the Gay Pride Parade and attracting donations from various community sources, including The Imperial Court de San Diego and the Greater San Diego Business Association; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, PFLAG San Diego has welcomed well over 10,000 attendees to their meetings, including grandparents, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and other relatives, helping them on their journey from shock, denial and acceptance, and hopefully on to advocacy for their loved one; and

WHEREAS, during the two decades of PFLAG San Diego, their membership grew from 35 to 300, and the chapter now publishes a monthly newsletter, offers a website, authors a monthly column, "PFLAG Perspective," for the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, awards scholarships to worthy GLBT youth, participates in GLBT political causes, provides speakers for educational

and community forums, supports other community organizations and events through participation and financial assistance, and represents San Diego at marches and parades locally and nationally; and

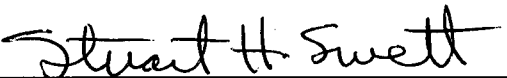
WHEREAS, PFLAG San Diego created the multi-media "Project Open Mind" to help stop hate speech against the GLBT community by reaching out to and educating the general public; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2001, a gala 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration honoring PFLAG San Diego will take place at The Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center in Hillcrest; 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 commends PFLAG San Diego for 20 years of promoting the health and well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends, through support, education and advocacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 8, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**PFLAG SAN DIEGO 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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