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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295996

ADOPTED ON JAN 28 2002

WHEREAS, Delores Lesnick is a 15-year resident of San Diego who has devoted much of the last decade fighting for equal civil rights for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community; and

WHEREAS, in December 2001, Delores Lesnick completed her third consecutive year as chair of PFLAG San Diego (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), the local chapter of the national non-profit organization whose vision is to celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities; and

WHEREAS, Delores Lesnick is the living embodiment of PFLAG's mission 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, during Delores Lesnick's terms as chair of PFLAG, membership grew to more than 200 for the first time in the organization's history, and with partners included the membership now stands at more than 300; and

WHEREAS, under Delores Lesnick's leadership, 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 continues to represent San Diego at marches and parades locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, under Delores Lesnick's leadership, PFLAG San Diego received \$25,000 in grants to fund the creation of 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, Delores Lesnick currently serves on Mayor Dick Murphy's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, as the proud mother of two daughters, Joan, 42, who is heterosexual, and Helen, 40, a lesbian, Delores Lesnick remains motivated to continue working to ensure that both her daughters receive the same civil rights given to them under the law; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby commend Delores Lesnick for her years of service to PFLAG San Diego and for her ongoing efforts to promote 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 January 28, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "DELORES LESNICK DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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