

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296037

ADOPTED ON FEB 05 2002

WHEREAS, in 1996, San Diego bartenders Nigel Mayer and “Big Mike” Phillips, united by a vision to make a difference in their community, founded Ordinary Miracles, and set out to enlist caring bar employees in Hillcrest willing to donate a portion of their tips to support a local charity; and

WHEREAS, in the first Ordinary Miracles fund-raising event, Nigel Mayer and “Big Mike” Phillips succeeded in bringing together more than 120 bar employees who donated half their tips to the Bar Employees Charity, raising \$7,218.50 for Special Delivery, a meal preparation and delivery organization for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, from that first fund-raising event onward, Nigel Mayer and “Big Mike” Phillips have been the living embodiment of the Ordinary Miracles mission to generate hope and love, inspire participation and enrich the quality of lives of all San Diegans by encouraging citizens to get involved and serve their community; and

WHEREAS, since that first event in 1996, Nigel Mayer and “Big Mike” Phillips, with the assistance of the Ordinary Miracles board, have overseen a series of annual fund-raising events that, with this year’s receipts, have raised over \$300,000 for local community organizations, and during that time they and the board have expanded Ordinary Miracles to include restaurants and their employees, other local businesses and everyday citizens working together to raise money for worthwhile causes; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2002, at Bourbon Street in University Heights, Nigel Mayer and "Big Mike" Phillips will bring to a close the storied history of Ordinary Miracles, as the organization distributes the funds from this year's highly successful endeavor which reached its goal of \$100,000; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the hard work and dedication of Nigel Mayer and "Big Mike" Phillips in their founding and stewardship of Ordinary Miracles over the past five years, and commends them for their unparalleled spirit of community service which has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of San Diegans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, January 21, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "NIGEL MAYER AND 'BIG MIKE' PHILLIPS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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