

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296195

ADOPTED ON MAR 18 2002

WHEREAS, Ron Newman joined the San Diego Police Department in 1968 and was assigned to Central Patrol where he worked four years before being transferred to the Detective Division, working with Burglary, Fencing and Forgery; and

WHEREAS, Ron Newman was assigned to the Homicide Unit where he spent the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, he investigated numerous high profile cases, including the Kurt Johnson case where his polite demeanor was used to "psychologically soften" the suspect, the Baker/ Mayeski murder investigation, and the investigation of the McDonald's case where James Huberty killed twenty people and wounded eighteen others; and

WHEREAS, Ron also took on the added responsibility of being one of the department's first Hostage Negotiators, where his low-key approach and mellow voice convinced the subjects he was working with to surrender; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Ron was transferred to the Homicide Unit as a Detective Sergeant where he worked for two years until he was promoted to Lieutenant on July 2, 1992, and promoted to Captain in 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his sixteen-year tenure with the Homicide Unit, Ron was either directly involved or supervised the investigations of 448 murders and 390 call-outs involving questionable deaths and officer involved shootings (total of 838 investigations); and

WHEREAS, he ends his outstanding career with the most publicized case in recent history - the Danielle Van Dam kidnaping; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department, with assistance from other agencies, investigated the Danielle Van Dam kidnaping; and

WHEREAS, the search for Danielle was the most intense search effort in the County's

history and was given high marks for the police department's thoroughness and professionalism;
and

WHEREAS, Ron served twenty years on the Police Officer's Association where, prior to serving as President, he served as a board member, secretary, treasurer, and vice president; and

WHEREAS, he has also worked with several community groups and received numerous awards for his outstanding work and dedication to the community, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the distinguished career and breadth of accomplishments of Captain Ron Newman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 29, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "CAPTAIN RON NEWMAN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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