

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296250

ADOPTED ON APR 02 2002

WHEREAS, Gil Saidy attended his first Arena Football game in 1998, as the Arizona Rattlers played against the Milwaukee Mustangs and was so fascinated that he put his efforts into attaining an Arena Football Team for San Diego, San Diego Riptide; and

WHEREAS, "arenafootball2" will embark on its third season while the Arena Football League will enter into its 16th season; and

WHEREAS, the strategic plan of arenafootball2 concentrates on the development of regional divisions designed to minimize travel costs and create local rivalries; and

WHEREAS, "arenafootball2" was designed to support grass roots development of football through coast-to-coast expansion, and the league expects to expand to as many as 72 teams by 2004 and 150 by 2010; and

WHEREAS, "arenafootball2" provides professional football at affordable prices in communities that otherwise would not be able to experience the sport; and

WHEREAS, this is a league of opportunity for players, coaches, fans, and officials; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three "arenafootball2" players, played on AFL teams in 2001, and 13 have attended NFL training camps since arenafootball2's inaugural season; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural game of the season is to be held April 6, 2002; 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, does hereby proclaim April 2, 2002 as "Arena Football Day" in the City of San Diego.

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