

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296343

ADOPTED ON APR 15 2002

WHEREAS, in 1957, Yokohama, Japan became San Diego's first Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Yokohama and San Diego entered into a sister city agreement established by the Honorable Charles Dail, Mayor of the City of San Diego, and the Honorable Ryozo Hiranuma, Mayor of the City of Yokohama; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society continuously works to promote international goodwill, understanding and friendship; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society hosts various groups aimed at the exchange of cultural and educational ideas, and sponsors high school and university student exchanges, as well as art exchanges between the San Diego School District and the Yokohama School System; and

WHEREAS, San Diego and Yokohama have exchanged various gifts of friendship, such as the Friendship Bell presented to San Diego by Yokohama in 1960, which can be seen on Shelter Island encircled by a special Japanese style structure; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society established the Japanese Friendship Garden project at Balboa Park in 1980, as a symbol of shared ideals and beauty; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the traditional California Mission Bells were presented to

Yokohama in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, San Diego and Yokohama actively participate in an ongoing exchange of books, in which the Yokohama Public Library sets aside a special section for books given by San Diego and the San Diego City Library houses more than 500 books received by Yokohama;

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, in honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration delegation, does hereby declare April 14 through 20, 2002, to be **"SAN DIEGO-YOKOHAMA BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP WEEK"** in the City of San Diego.

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