

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296355

ADOPTED ON APR 15 2002

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego formed a sister city relationship with Vladivostok, Russia on September 10, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Vladivostok Sister City Society was co-founded on September 10, 1991 by San Diegans Lowell Strombeck and James Hubbell; and

WHEREAS, San Diego formed a Sister City relationship with Vladivostok based on the fact that each city is a primary base for its own Pacific Ocean Naval forces; and

WHEREAS, Vladivostok is positioned along the Sea of Japan, and in Russian, the name Vladivostok means "Rule of the East;" and

WHEREAS, Vladivostok served as the primary point of entry for all military equipment and supplies sent to Russia by the United States during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Vladivostok is the educational center of the Russian Far East and is home to nine universities; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Vladivostok Sister City Society hosted a 13-person delegation from Vladivostok from January 13, 1997 through January 25, 1997; and

WHEREAS, a Russian Project Team sponsored by the United Methodist Church of San Diego will be traveling to Vladivostok on April 18, 2002 to refurbish a Children's Center for abused, abandoned, and orphaned children ages 7-14; and

WHEREAS, Plowden Bridges, Tom Darby, Tim Gercke, Martha and Gerald Kogle, Rosemary Loreman, Rene Markley, and Terry and Larry Sieck will be traveling to Vladivostok to represent San Diego on this project in Vladivostok; 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, hereby recognizes The City of Vladivostok, Russia and Mayor Yuri Kopylov for maintaining a unique and wonderful relationship, and continually offering fellowship and support to the City of San Diego.

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