

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296380

ADOPTED ON APR 22 2002

WHEREAS, the "Bravest Football Club" was founded in 1972 by Pudgie Walsh whose charity sporting events, tug-of-wars, and other adventures were a trademark throughout his 38 years New York City Fire Department [FDNY] career; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-eight years founding head coach "Pudgie" Walsh has lead and inspired the "Bravest Football Club" through his motivational messages before each game stating, "*Give Everything We Have, Every Time We Play the Game, Treat the Game with the Same Dedication as We Would Discharge Our Duties;*" and

WHEREAS, the brothers of FDNY suffered a tremendous loss on September 11, 2001, as did the New York Police Department, New York Port Authority, the many innocent workers at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, despite the enormous loss of their fellow fire fighters and team members including seven active members, the "Bravest Football Club" chose to meet their commitment and play their scheduled game in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, FDNY's "The Bravest Football Club" will travel to San Diego to play the Blue Knights, a Southern California Police Football team on April 5, 2002, marking their 30th anniversary; 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 proclaims April 5, 2002, as **"New York City Fire Department - The Bravest Football Club Day"** in the City of San Diego.

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