

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-296394

ADOPTED ON APRIL 22, 2002

WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council supports the Federal Wilderness designation for four areas within San Diego County: Eagle Peak Complex, Hauser Additions, Sawtooth Mountains Additions, and Carrizo Gorge Addition, and Federal Wild & Scenic River Designation for Three Rivers in San Diego County: San Diego River, Cedar Creek, and Pine Valley Creek; and

WHEREAS, these public, federal lands in the Cleveland National Forest and Bureau of Land Management include watersheds and rivers that provide our clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, these natural lands and rivers offer residents a unique recreational experience of solitude, and provide visitors with an opportunity to escape from the development of civilization; and

WHEREAS, Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River designation provides the best and most permanent form of protection; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Peak Complex (west of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park) consists of four proposed Wilderness units: San Diego River Gorge, Eagle Peak, No Name, and Sill Hill; and two proposed Wild & Scenic Rivers: San Diego River and Cedar Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Peak Complex will protect the San Diego River watershed and tributaries that provide our clean drinking water supply that is stored in El Capitan Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Wilderness designation of this beautiful area with dramatic canyons, spectacular waterfalls, and deep pools in lush riparian woodlands will protect our American heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Hauser Additions (north of San Diego county's southern border) contain

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two proposed Wilderness units: South Hauser and Hauser Mountain; and the proposed Wild & Scenic River, Pine Valley Creek; and

WHEREAS, the South Hauser area will help protect the critical watershed for Cottonwood Creek. South Hauser unit and Pine Valley Creek waters flow into Barrett Lake, a reservoir for San Diego's drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, Hauser Mountain Wilderness designation will help provide wildlife linkages and corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth Mountains Additions and Carrizo Gorge Addition are two proposed desert Wilderness areas (east of the Laguna Mountains); and

WHEREAS, these remarkable desert lands are contiguous to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and protect many diverse plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, Sawtooth Mountains and Carrizo Gorge Additions are the home of the endangered peninsular bighorn sheep; and

WHEREAS, these desert lands offer opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and inspiring views of the desert; 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 22, 2002, as "**California Wild Heritage**" Day in the City of San Diego.

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