

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296509

ADOPTED ON MAY 20 2002

WHEREAS, the history of Samoan involvement in America traces back to the 1900's with the cessation and annexation of the Samoan islands by the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, like many immigrants coming from throughout the world, the first Samoans arrived here seeking increased opportunity and enhanced quality of life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, today those of Samoan ancestry have made sacrifices and important contributions to our City, County, state and nation in government, business, science, education, athletics and other fields; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten years, following a 1992 Executive Order by President George H.W. Bush, each May has been designated Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Samoan community of San Diego will showcase its cultural heritage, customs and traditions with the people of San Diego on May 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, with gratitude for the contributions, Samoan traditions, culture and heritage add to the diversity that make this vibrant city, San Diego celebrates Samoan heritage and culture; 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 May 22, 2002 to be **“SAMOAN**

HERITAGE DAY” in recognition of the Samoan community in San Diego and their
commitment to the preservation of their cultures and traditions.

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