

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296711

ADOPTED ON JUN 24 2002

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department's Refuse and Recycling Collection Service has been voted by San Diegans as one of the City's top-rated public services in the 2001 Resident Satisfaction Survey; and

WHEREAS, the refuse collection program received the highest level of all City services, for the second year in a row, with 96 percent of San Diego citizens satisfied; and

WHEREAS, curbside recycling programs received the third highest rated level of all City services with 94 percent of the citizens satisfied; and

WHEREAS, residential refuse collection is provided weekly to 315,000 households by City collection drivers making more than 16 million service stops annually and hauling over 370,000 tons of trash from San Diego neighborhoods to the landfill for disposal each year; and

WHEREAS, residential curbside recycling collection is provided to 279,000 San Diego residences bi-weekly, making over 14 million service stops annually, recycling more than 70,000 tons of materials a year and collecting and processing over 35,000 tons of yard waste each year to achieve an annual landfill diversion rate of 48 percent; and

WHEREAS, residential refuse collection drivers have been recognized as some of the best drivers in North America and Mexico, and three residential refuse collection drivers have earned the title of Driver of the Year by the Environmental Industry Association for their

exceptional driving records; 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 recognize the exemplary efforts of refuse and recycling collection drivers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 24, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DRIVERS DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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