

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **296752**

ADOPTED ON **JUL 08 2002**

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen years, Dr. William W. Beck has served as a finance chair, fund-raiser and community activist in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community, and has raised approximately \$4 million and contributed thousands of hours for a variety of philanthropic foundations including many business, political and social service causes; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. William W. Beck has worked tirelessly to put San Diego on the GLBT political map, lending his financial services to raise more than \$3 million to help get openly gay and lesbian candidates elected to public office both in San Diego and throughout California; and because of his commitment to help elect GLBT public officials, was appointed to the national board of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, where he gained recognition for substantially increasing membership and coordinating the highly successful Victory Fund 10th Anniversary Gala which was held in San Diego in late 2001; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his community work, Dr. William W. Beck was knighted by the Imperial Court de San Diego, given the title "Sir William Beck" and later elevated to the title of "Golden Eagle Crown Prince"; he also received the San Diego Democratic Club's President's Award, which is given to a member of the GLBT community who has made significant contributions to the political advancement of the community; and was also awarded the Nicky Awards Governor's Award in 1998; and "Outstanding Male Citizen of the Year" in

1999; and

WHEREAS, during the last sixteen years, Dr. William W. Beck served on the board of the AIDS Assistance Fund; served as co-chair of DIFFA, which presented two "Heartstrings" performances to raise money for local HIV/AIDS organizations; founded and twice chaired the famed Alley Cat Ball AIDS fund-raiser; served on the Greater San Diego Business Association (GSDBA) board; is former president of the GSDBA foundation; served on the Gay Families of America Project sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in 1996; and is currently a board member of the re-activated AIDS Foundation and sits on Mayor Dick Murphy's GLBT advisory board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William W. Beck is a founder and board president of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, a non-profit organization which is developing a perpetual endowment fund in order to distribute funds to the GLBT community to target unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout all sixteen years of his community service, Dr. William W. Beck has been assisted by his beloved life partner of twenty-five years, David Huskey, who shares Dr. Beck's passion for giving back to the community and fighting for equal rights for all people; and

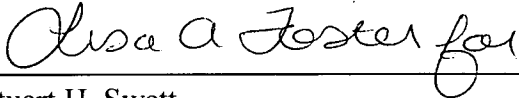
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2002, Dr. William W. Beck will be honored at a community tribute banquet hosted by the Imperial Court de San Diego and the 2002 Tribute sponsors at the U.S. Grant Hotel, with the proceeds benefitting the Benjamin F. Dillingham III Community Grant Fund; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the hard work, dedication, and unparalleled community service of Dr. William W. Beck, and commends him for

sixteen years of commitment to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community both in San Diego and across the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 30, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**Dr. William W. Beck Day**" in San Diego.

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